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OUT OF TOWN ECHOES

Observations and Notes by a Reporter on His Rounds

IN SOME MACON COUNTY TOWNS.

Corn Incident at Lake City in 1895 Recalled—Comrade Burt and Major McKinley in Battle—Sorrow at Blue Mound Caused by a Stranger.

The past week has been a trying ordeal to business men. The country roads have been masses of soft, sticky mud over which locomotion was all but impossible. As a consequence grain dealers have had nothing to do, and the village merchants have had ample time to take account of stock and prepare for the spring rush.

On the Veech farm which adjoins the little village of Sangamon, 35,000 bushels of corn is stored waiting for a higher market. Several thousand bushels could have been disposed of at one time for 50 cents per bushel.

Speaking of 50-cent corn reminds the writer of a funny little incident which came under his notice while visiting Lake City in the summer of 1895. The reporter was standing on the platform in front of Seider's store when a grizzled old farmer made his appearance driving along the dusty street, after a melancholy old white horse, which seemed to have lost all interest in life. The driver, too, seemed to be in the depths of profound misery. His wrinkled face was clouded with care and his whole appearance suggested that some terrible, unforeseen and crushing bad fortune had tumbled down in the old man's immediate neighborhood. He drew up in front of the platform, attached the melancholy steed to a post and found a seat on the platform where his air of general dejection attracted the attention of the genial proprietor of the store, "Why, what is the matter, Uncle Ben; anybody sick at your place?" said the merchant. "Naw," replied the dejected farmer, with a sigh which rattled the loose boards in the platform welled up from the depths of his being. "All my folks are well, but it does seem that I'm always havin' the durndest luck. I've got about 8000 bushels of corn out on my farm and this mornin' when I got up there was my biggest crib busted all to flinders, and the corn runnin' all over the ground I reckon there's a good 5000 bushels of it. It can't be picked up and I've just got to sell it, when corn is just certain to be a good price a week from now. You can't tell when a big rain will come on now a days. It just seems sometimes that everything is agin a man and I'm that discouraged that I feel just like goin' off somewhere and dyin'." Another sigh that sounded like the exhaust of a traction engine, and the old man gained his feet, hobbled over to the grain office, and closed a contract for 5000 bushels of corn, more or less to be delivered at once at 50 cents per bushel. Unless the aged agriculturist got a decided motion on himself corn was not selling for 50 cents when the last load reached the dealer.

Mr. L. Burt, who lives on one of the best farms in the Elwin neighborhood tells a good story concerning the president elect which came under his observation at the second battle of Bull Run. The union forces were having a tough time of it. The rebels were pressing their opponents who were stubbornly defending their position and holding their own. For some reason officers were scarce along the union line, and the men were fighting it out on their own account. A young, boyish officer seemed the most conspicuous figure to Mr. Burt and with youthful enthusiasm hurried to and fro along the line exhorting the men to stand firm and now and then issuing some needed order. By and by a general officer rode up to the line and looked over the situation. It evidently was not to his liking for with an oath, which sounded above the roar of battle, he rode over to the young captain and inquired whether the men could hold the position until reinforcements could be hurried to the point. "Hold the position!" replied the boyish commander, "of course we can hold it and drive the enemy to, if we can only rally our officers." Mr. Burt states there was an explosion about that ti e. The general swore with an energy which was a little remarkable in a place where there were many masters of the profane art, and at once set off down the line In a few moments captains, lieutenants and colonels made their appearance from somewhere, the men braced themselves for work, the lines moved forward and the enemy was routed. The young officer who had attracted Mr. Burt's attention was Wm. McKinley, now president elect of the United States.

The village of Blue Mound is easily one of the most progressive towns in this section but Messrs. Mitchell & Ferguson, the leading grocers are sad at heart and refuse to be comforted. Not many moons ago a gentleman of pleasing appearance and glib tongue succeeded in separating the firm and a goodly amount of cash in return for a patent slot machine warranted to double the cigar trade and pour unlimited wealth into the coffers of the two merchants. The machine was installed in place and the village boys freely offered their small change at the new shrine. All went well until a man from Decatur appeared on the scene He smiled a wicked smile as he gently dropped a five-cent piece into the wheel and the depraved machine began its fateful whirl. When the indicator did its fatal work, the firm collectively and individually held up its hands in horror and a goodly portion of the box of choicest cigars was passed into the keeping of the man from Decatur. Again and again the Decaturite returned to the charge and again and again the story was repeated. The box was depleted and Mitchell smiled a sad, far away smile as he glanced at the machine, and defaced the label on the useless and empty receptacle, so lately filled with choice specimens of the cigar maker's art.

The rumors which have been heard lately regarding the condition of winter wheat in Macon county prove unfounded. In many localities farmers pronounce the outlook encouraging and predict a good crop from present appearances.

THE LAST SAD RITES.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Ophelia W. Peddecord—Burial at Greenwood.

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock the funeral of the late Mrs Ophelia W. Peddecord, wife of Hon. J. J. Peddecord, and sister of ex-Governor R. J. Oglesby, took place from the family residence on Franklin street in the presence of a large number of neighbors and friends. Despite the inclemency of the weather, many elderly people were in attendance and representatives were present from nearly all of the older families of the city. Ex-Governor and Mrs. Oglesby of Elkhart, Miss Felecity Oglesby, Mrs. Olive Oglesby-Snydor of Kansas City, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rurode of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and George M. Pullman, jr., of Chicago, were present from out of the city. The services were quite impressive. They were in charge of Rev. W. F. Gillmore, pastor of Grace M. E. church, of which the deceased had long been a member. The music was by Mrs. A. W. Conklin, Miss Maude Burrows, D. L. Bunn and Bert Gher. The selections were "Asleep in Jesus," "Abide with Me," and "Some Sweet Day." The choir sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," while the casket was being removed to the hearse and the relatives and friends were entering the carriages. Many beautiful floral tributes rested upon and about the casket, tokens of love and sympathy.

Rev Mr Gillmore read a scriptural lesson and offered prayer. The funeral address dealt with the home and Christian life of Mrs. Peddecord, who was born in Kentucky seventy seven years ago, and who had lived in Decatur since 1836. Since her girlhood she had been a mother to her brother (Mr. Oglesby) and in her devotion to him and to her children, her husband and her home she had been faithful and true. She had witnessed many changes in the nation and community in her long life of usefulness and her life and character had been one of transparent purity. She has gone to her reward in the eternal city where she is waiting for those whom she loved and who loved her to come and be with her forever.

The interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

The pall bearers were John Ullrich, D. S. Shellabarger, Senator Kenan, W. C. Johns, B. O. McReynolds and P. H Brueck.

Second Marriage a Failure.

Clinton Public Rev. J. C. Rucker attended services in the Methodist church Sunday morning, and was invited by the pastor to make the opening prayer. The old man reverently kneeled down and repeated the Lord's prayer, changing the wording to apply to his personal condition. It was an eloquent prayer, and the earnest pleading was even tragic in delivery. His sad face and the knowledge that at the close of the service he was to go to the train that was to bear him to an asylum made the prayer more eloquent, and more than one eye in the congregation was dimmed with tears. Mr. Rucker fully realized his mental condition, and willingly went to the asylum, from which he may never return alive. His disease is suicidal mania, from which few ever recover. After a long life in teaching men to trust in God the old man failed in his trust Domestic infelicity overbalanced his mind. His second marriage was a failure. He had passed the three score mark when his first wife died. There was no urgent necessity of a second marriage in his case as he had plenty of money to buy the comforts of a home and loving friends to cater to his happiness His failure should be a lesson to old men to keep out of the matrimonial market.

Will Address the Teachers.

Superintendent Gastman of the public schools will on Saturday morning address the weekly teachers' meeting at the high school. He will give the teachers the benefit of the ideas gathered at the Indianapolis convention of superintendents He will dwell principally upon the industrial features that were brought out in including manual training The Indianapolis public schools have expended forty thousand dollars in this direction. Prof Galbreath of the university of Illinois will also deliver an address to the teachers.

Coming to Decatur.

Joseph Dawson, who has been a marble dealer at Lovington for many years, has closed out his business there. Next week he will come to Decatur with his family and will make this city his home. He will enter the employ of the Decatur Monument works as traveling salesman.

Seed Distribution.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Lone & Morris, 136 East Wood street.—[illegible]

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Held Sunday Afternoon Over the Late R. G. Wells at the College Street Chapel.

Sunday afternoon services were held at the College street chapel in memory of the late R. G. Wells, who was superintendent of the Sunday school. Remarks were made in regard to Mr. Wells' work in the church, Sunday school and chapel by A. H. Mills, W. R. Scruggs, J. K. Love and Miss Lula Jones. The following resolutions were prepared by a committee composed of Miss Lula Jones, J. K. Love, Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Dr. M. D. Pollock, Miss Kittie Search and Mrs. J. W. Gilbert, and were presented to and passed by the Sunday school: "Whereas, as it has pleased our all wise Father to take to Himself our beloved superintendent, Robert G. Wells, whose presence and excellence of character cast a half light over our Sunday school, whom we have learned to love because of his exemplary life, his prayers, counsels and beautiful triumphant spirit which marked his last days when he knew that the last page was being recorded; therefore be it,

Resolved, That the members of the College street Presbyterian Sunday school mourn the loss of one of their most devoted and able workers.

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family from whom he has been removed, only to be reunited some sweet day, our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the daily papers, that a copy be presented to the family and that the original be placed on the minutes of the Sunday school.

NEWS FROM MR. CREA.

Was Not So Well Sunday—Some Better To-Day.

From the Daily of Monday.

Much solicitude is felt in the community for Hon. Hugh Crea, a patient at the Augustine hospital in Chicago, by his many business and personal friends. He was regarded as resting reasonably well on Saturday, but on Sunday a message came stating that he was not so well. Miss Crea went to Chicago on the train Sunday at noon. This morning a telegram was received by Mrs. Crea that her husband was some better than he was on Sunday. Today at noon Mrs. Crea left for Chicago to be with her husband. The lady would have gone before but by the advice of her physician she has remained at hom. Her health has been bad for several weeks and it has been deemed inadvisable for her to make the journey to Chicago.

The Teachers' Association and the State University.

The Illinois state teachers' association at its last annual meeting, Dec. 29-31, 1896, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we heartily commend the broad and liberal educational policy which is marking the conduct of the university of Illinois and we pledge that institution our most hearty support. We urge upon the general assembly a most careful consideration of the needs of the university to the end that not only the present high position may be maintained, but that substantial advancement may be made.

Death of Mrs. Park.

Mrs. Nancy E. Park, wife of W. R. Park, died at her home in Clayton, Ill., on Tuesday morning at the age of 70 years. She formerly resided near Harristown and was well known in that locality having been a resident there for twenty years or more. She moved to Clayton about five years ago. The remains will be brought back to Harristown and the funeral will be held there on Thursday. She is survived by her husband and four children. They are J. T. Park of Taylorville, Mrs. Ella Lits of Clayton, W. M. Park of Clayton, and James Park of Decatur

Death of Mrs. Eatherton.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

Mrs Nancy L. Eatherton, aged 63 years, mother of Mrs. W F. Calhoun, died at her home in Clinton at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Calhoun and Mrs. Walter Harris of Clinton, her only children, her sister, Mrs A. J. Thurber of Marseilles, her brother, George Hower of Akron, Ohio, have for several days been at her bedside awaiting the end as her malady was one from which she could not recover. The funeral will be in Clinton. Mrs. Eatherton was a Hower and was born and raised near Akron, Ohio.

Rev. Mr Rucker Insane.

In the county court at Clinton Saturday Rev. J. C. Rucker, the superannuated Methodist minister, who is 80 years of age, and has on two occasions recently attempted suicide, was subjected to an inquisition, and was adjudged insane. He was taken to the eastern Illinois hospital for the insane at Kankakee.

John F. Harner.

John F. Harner, aged 70 years, died Saturday at Taylorville at his home in that city. He has been a practical printer since 1845, and has been an editor and publisher. He became noted because of his efficiency in rule work, his original designs being reproduced in publications all over the county

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—jan 29 d&wtf

Next Saturday night the members of the band at Blue Mound will give a concert. Miss Bernice Trainer of this city, [illegible]

JUDGES CHOSEN.

Republican Convention for the Fourth Judicial District.

VAIL, WRIGHT AND BOOKWALTER.

Old Circuit Judges Renominated by Acclamation—Resolutions Adopted—Committeemen Selected—Short Session.

From the Daily of Wednesday

The Republican judicial convention for the Fourth district, embracing the counties of Macon, Douglas, Moultrie, Clark, Piatt, Edgar, Coles, Champaign and Vermilion, was held at the court house this afternoon, with Hon. H. A. Neal of Coles county, as chairman, and Wm. J. Hollenbeck of Clark county, as secretary. On motion the 135 delegates were seated and by acclamation E. P. Vail of Macon county, F M. Wright of Champaign county, and F. Bookwalter of Vermilion county, were renominated for circuit judges by acclamation. Judge Dunn of Coles county, had been a candidate, but he withdrew from the contest during the forenoon.

Judicial Committeemen.

The judicial committeemen for the district in harmony with the resolution were announced as follows:

Champaign County—E. Bailey, Roy Wright.

Vermilion—E. Winter, W. E. Herron.

Edgar—Hiram Lycan.

Moultrie—John Uppendahl.

Clark—W. B. Hodge, jr.

Piatt—C. H. Camp.

Macon—I. R. Mills, E. H. Thomas.

Douglas—Perry Moore.

Coles—Felix Blankenbaker.

The Resolutions.

The following resolution which was adopted was offered by Captain T. J. Smith, J. L. Ray and F. M. Green of Champaign county:

Whereas, we learn with sincere regret that the Hon. Hugh Crea of Decatur, a very distinguished member of the bar of the Fourth judicial district and of the state of Illinois, is now seriously ill in one of the Chicago hospitals. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our deepest sympathy with him and his family in his affliction and that we fondly hope for his speedy recovery and restoration to health, and that we greatly regret his inability to meet with this convention and that the secretary certify a copy of these resolution to him at Chicago and to his family.

Judge C C. Staley of Champaign, offered this resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That a circuit judicial committee be and the same is hereby organized, to consist of one member for each fourteen delegates, and one additional delegate for every fraction of seven or more, from the respective counties, provided each county shall be entitled to at least one member, to be named by the delegates from the respective counties reported to this convention.

The number from the respective counties will be as follows: Champaign county, 2 members; Coles, 1; Douglas, 1, Edgar, 1, Macon, 2; Moultrie, 1; Piatt, 1; Clark, 1, Vermilion, 2.

That said committee shall organize by electing a chairman and secretary. In the event of the legislature changing the judicial circuits, then the members of the said committee for the counties of the present circuit so divided, shall be members of the judicial committee in the judicial circuit in which such county may be placed, and the members of such committee shall have power to fill the vacancies from counties that may have no member of the judicial committee, but in so doing they shall choose as such member the person selected by the county central committee of the particular county, if that committee shall see fit to select such member, and should the legislature change the circuits, the said judicial committee or committees, when so reorganized are directed forthwith to call such convention or conventions as may be made necessary by reason of such change, for the nomination of candidates for judges in the circuit that is newly organized; and that the delegates to this convention shall be recognized as the delegates to the new convention or conventions from their respective counties.

The counties not represented in this convention shall have the right to select their delegates to the new convention or conventions as their county central committees may direct.

A delegate offered this resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, by the delegates of the Republican convention of the Fourth judicial circuit of Illinois that by virtue of his ability his long service, efficient work in the Republican party, the stalwart quality of his Republicanism, Judge Horace S. Clark has justly earned proper recognition by the Republican administration of the United States; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly commend him to President McKinley as minister to Mexico, and respectfully ask his appointment.

Speeches.

There were calls for Judges Bookwalter, Vail and Wright to appear before the convention and say something, and each [illegible] thanks and gratitude for the honor and renewed confidence. The addresses were short and to the point and each judge was heartily applauded. Delegate Cochran wanted to hear Judge Dunn and called for that gentleman. He responded to the effect that he scarcely knew what to say, except to express his feelings of resignation and to approve the excellent selection made by the convention.

The convention then adjourned sine die.

Organization.

The judicial district central committee met immediately after the convention adjourned and effected a permanent organization. I. R. Mills of Macon county, was elected chairman, and Perry Moore of Douglas county, secretary.

MORTUARY RECORD.

MITCHELL IS DEAD.

He Was an Old Negro Who Lived the Life of a Hermit and was Recently Taken to the Poor Farm.

From the Daily of Monday.

Old man Mitchell, the colored man who was taken to the poor farm recently, died there Sunday morning. As near as he can tell he was somewhere between 90 and 100 years old and he has had quite a history. For many years past Mitchell has been a local character. He came to this state after the war and with his wife lived in the woods on the Powers estate northwest of the city He squatted on the land but was allowed to stay there by the owners. His wife died a number of years ago and since then the man has lived entirely alone. He built a little hut 6x7 feet in dimensions and made that his home. He was a county charge and excepting when he came to the city to get his allowance from the county he never saw anyone unless they chanced to pass near his hovel. Recently the old man has been suffering with gangrene and as he could not be cared for in his cabin he was taken from there to the poor farm where he has been for the past two weeks. His condition was such that nothing could be done to relieve him but he was made as comfortable as possible. "Moocher" Smith, another inmate of the poor house has been acting as his attendant, and he has been trying to gather some facts about the old man's life. Mitchell says he was born in Louisiana. Yesterday the remains of the old man were buried in the cemetery at the poor farm.

James Huff, an old and highly respected resident of Macon county, died at his home in Maroa Saturday night, aged 84 years. For forty years he had been a resident of that town and was known to most of the older people in the county He was a contractor and builder and quite a prominent man. He was held in the highest esteem by all, and his death is a blow to the community. He leaves a wife and eight children They are Charles and Marshal Huff of Maroa, Mrs Ella Chandler of Decatur, Miss Gladys Huff of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Lulu Steidley of Louisiana, Edward Huff of Michigan, Mrs. Alice Close of Ohio, and Hulbert Huff of Louisiana. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the M. E. church at Maroa. The services were conducted by Rev Preston Wood, Jr.

Richard Pettyjohn died Saturday, Feb. 20, of consumption, at the family residence, 764 North Water street He was born in Texas township, DeWitt county. Aug. 6, 1857. He had been a resident of Decatur for about seven years. He was a painter by occupation. In August, 1875, he married Laura Brothers, and she with three daughters survives him. The children are Mrs. Frank W. Arnold, Misses Etta and Lizzie Pettyjohn. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Pettyjohn, reside at Kenney. He also leaves five brothers and a sister, Bernard of Champaign, George of Clinton, Alfred and Will of Kenney, Charles of Waukomis, Okla., and Mrs. O. L. Rhodes of Eureka. The funeral was held this afternoon from the residence and the interment was at Greenwood. The services were conducted by Rev. Marion Stevenson.

On Saturday F. T. Philips of Philips & Woods, the piano dealers, received a telegram announcing the death of his father. T. G. Phillips, at Olney, at the advanced age of 89. Death resulted from an attack of pneumonia contracted during the death and burial of his daughter, Mrs. L. Creek. Mr. Phillips was one of the oldest settlers in Richland county. He settled there when the country was a wilderness seventy-two years ago and has always made his home. His son, F. T. Phillips, left for Olney Saturday night to be present at the funeral.

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Addis took place Sunday afternoon from the family residence on South Water street in the presence of a large number of friends. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Rev. D. F Howe, pastor of the First M.E. church, officiated, and delivered a touching funeral discourse. Milton Johnson, jr., Bert Gher, Miss Irene Sykes and Mrs Gher comprised the choir. They sang "Asleep in Jesus," "Rest, Little Sleeper" and "In the Morning of the Dawning." The burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Leary was held this morning at 9 o'clock at St. Patrick's Catholic church and was largely attended. Solemn high mass was celebrated by Very Rev. P. J. Mackin and Rev. Father Brady. The pall bearers were Messrs. McDonald, Laux, McGi[illegible] Campbell, Godfrey and [illegible]

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Meeting in the Interest of the Educational Policy—March 16 and 17.

The following letter to the Republican comes from President Wilder of the Illinois Wesleyan university at Bloomington under date of Feb. 20:

Presiding Elders, Pastors and Laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Brethren: The educational policy of the Methodist Episcopal church has been more or less clearly defined and understood. Now new phases of education are being presented. Should not educational policies be adjusted in the light of the most recent knowledge to meet new and present conditions? What should be the future policy of the Methodist Episcopal church? Has the church any obligation to higher education? What is that obligation? What are its grounds? Should the educational policy of the church be connectional? How can we best promote the best interests of Christian education?

Believing that a more general and public discussion of these and kindred subjects would lead to better methods and more effective co-operation and promote the best interests of Christian education, we, representatives of the educational interests of the Methodist Episcopal church in central Illinois, invite you to attend and participate in an educational conference to be held at Bloomington, Ill., March 16 and 17. It is expected that Dr. C. H. Payne, secretary of the board of education, and other chief men of the church will be present, some of whom have already been engaged, namely: Bishops Bowman and Newman, President Henry Wade Rogers, and President W. F. King of Cornell college. A number of representative laymen are expected to take part in this conference. An effort is being made to secure the services of ex-Senator Harlan of Iowa. The program will be announced later. President J R. Harker, Illinois Female college; President J. G. Evans, Hedding college, President B. W. Baker, Chaddock college; President S. Van Pelt, Grand Prairie Seminary, President W. H. Wilder, Illinois Wesleyan University.

THE WOMAN WON.

Postoffice Contention at Mt. Zion Settled Amiably.

The contest for the postoffice at Mt. Zion was concluded Saturday night There were four contestants in it to the finish. By mutual agreement the matter was left to a vote of the patrons of the office, both men and women voting. T. F. Bilby made a personal canvass as representative of all the applicants and each person who desired to vote was given a slip upon which all the names of the applicants were written and the voter marked a cross after the name of the applicant of his or her choice. The ballot was then placed in a sealed envelope and numbered. On Saturday evening at the Republican hall the ballots were counted and resulted in the selection of Mrs. Vermillion, the lady candidate as postmistress. The vote stood as follows: Total number of votes cast, 180, Mrs. Vermillion received 87 votes, H. G. Scott, 43, J. F Harbert, 26, D. F. Dickey, 24. Mrs. George Vermillion is a widow Her husband served in the late war as a teamster.

She will get the endorsement of Committeeman Scott for postmistress.

Burial of Mrs Stout.

Died, at her residence in Niantic on Friday, Feb. 19, 1897, Mrs. Anna M. Stout. Her maiden name was Detrich. She was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1829, was married to Ferdinand Stout, in 1842, removed to Illinois in 1865. She was the mother of fifteen children, eight of whom preceded her in death. Her husband died in Niantic, in 1888. Mrs. Stout was a member of the Christian church and the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Enneper, the pastor, on Sunday, at 11 a. m. The church had been draped in black and decorated with flowers. All of Mrs. Stout's seven children also Mr. James Stout and daughters of Emery were present at the funeral. Elder Enneper preached a eloquent sermon, after which the interment took place at Long Point. The pall bearers were Arthur Pritchett, Harry Flagle, Thomas and Reuben Herrod, Grant Caudle and Eddie Martin, all young men who grew up here except Mr. Flagle. Niantic has lost an honorable citizen, her children mourn the loss of a faithful mother She was a true friend and a kind neighbor.

She has cross the silent river,
She is safe beyond the tide.
She has met her blessed Saviour,
Ever with Him to abide.

Church Wedding.

The wedding of Thomas J. Ryan and Miss Phoebe Ryder was celebrated at St Patrick's Catholic church at 8 o'clock this morning. Both the young people are prominent in Catholic circles. Mr. Ryan is a clerk at Dineen's grocery and Miss Ryder is a daughter of Mrs. B. P. Ryder. A reception will be given the couple at the home of the bride's mother at 1460 North Church street from 7 to 11 tonight.

Anniversary.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church at Mt. Zion will celebrate the anniversary of the organization of the league next Sunday night. A fine program has been arranged All the neighboring young people's societies have been invited to participate. There will doubtless be a crowded house and a good time.

Rev A. M. Danely spent last Sunday in Macon preaching in the M. E. church at 10:30 a. m. and lecturing to the young people at 7 p. m. on "The Gospel in Fine Art."

CUBA ON HIS HANDS.

Cleveland and Olney in Close Quarters on the Cuban Question.

IMPORTANT SENATE RESOLUTIONS.

Other Matters Relating to Events on the Island—Two More Fights Arranged For by Stewart.

Washington, Feb. 24.—In the senate this morning Allen introduced a resolution declaring that effective steps should be taken to protect the lives of Americans in Cuba; that a United States warship should be sent to Cuba. The resolution went over. Hill, of New York, presented a resolution which was agreed to asking for all the correspondence in the state department relative to American prisoners in Cuba. Morgan of the committee on foreign relations, reported favorably the resolution demanding the immediate and unconditional release of Julio Sanguilli now in prison in Havana. This went over till tomorrow, Morgan and Sherman both stating that action might be expected then.

The session began at 11 to push forward the appropriation bill. Vilas secured the passage of the house bill to provide indemnity up to $10 for the loss of registered mail matter Quay moved to take up the bill extending the time for building the Duluth bridge over the St. Louis river between Wisconsin and Minnesota. Vilas opposed the motion and it was defeated.

TWO MORE FIGHTS.

Stuart Announces that the Corbett-Fitzsimmons Fight Will be Preceded by Two Others.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 24.—Dan Stuart's representative announced today that there would be two fights March 17 besides the big one. "Mysterious" Billy Smith and George Green will figure in one bout; Martin Flaherty of Lowell, Mass., and Dal Hawkins of San Francisco, in the other.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Cases Referred to the Master—Judgments Entered

From the Daily of Wednesday.

There was but a brief session of the circuit court today. The entries on the dockets are as follows

Chancery Docket.

Augustus Harpstrite vs City of Decatur, trespass, rule to answer amended declaration by March 8, '97.

Royal Cement and Plaster Co vs R. J. Waggy, confession, judgment for $149.75; immediate execution awarded.

J. M. Clokey vs Andrew J. Nelius, and Meeky M. Lowry; confession; judgment for $217 35 and immediate execution awarded.

Common Law Docket.

Catherine Forsyth vs Samuel Forsyth, divorce; cause heard by court, decree.

Decatur Lumber and Manufacturing Co. vs J. M. Miller, et al, foreclosure; master's report, exception and cross exceptions thereto; each overruled and decree according to master's report; appeal prayed and allowed.

Loan and Homestead association vs James W. Long et al, foreclosure, dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

John King vs Sam G. Malone, chancery; master's report approved.

Elizabeth Collins vs Thomas J. Fleming; foreclosure, dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

W. J. Magee vs C. D Waddell, foreclosure; decree pro confesso and referred to master.

J A. Dawson, assignee, vs. Anna L. Turner, foreclosure, referred to master.

Clara L. McClellan vs Henry T McClellan, divorce, motion for rule for defendant to show cause why attachment should not issue; motion allowed and rule to show cause by 4 p. m. of Saturday next

James E. Ewing vs Julia Judge, divorce awarded; appearance in writing and rule to answer.

On Thursday Gov. Tanner and party will leave Springfield for Chicago on their way to Washington City to participate in the inauguration of President-elect McKinley.

Mrs. R. H. Bell, aged 50 years, was buried at Cerro Gordo on Sunday.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1897

Among the residents in Constantinople are 200,000 Greeks which is not an especially pleasant condition from the Turkish point of view.

W. L. Wilson of Wilson bill fame, has accepted the presidency of the University at Lexington, Va., and so far no one has risen to object.

An Alabama woman after shooting a man twice has consented to become his wife. She probably has in mind to use him as a fillibusterer to carry lead to the Cubans.

The Grecian injection into the eastern question is bringing out a lot of unspeakable names that have not before been heard of. They are puzzling the telegraph operators as well as the Turks.

Weyler has given out the word that he is about to crush Gomez between the wings of his flying columns. This reminds us of the assembling of a multitude to witness the first exhibition of a flying machine.

Mark A. Hanna has again given out the word that he will not be in McKinley's cabinet. He don't want a cabinet position but he has an eye on the United States senatorship and that is what is troubling some people.

Twenty-three men have been killed in the prize ring within the last few years and every one died a victim to the art of self defense. Such devotion as this to a great cause deserves softer gloves and a feather bed to fall on

If there is anything the Republicans don't like it is a national debt and when that party returns to power they will attack the national debt without gloves. The Republican party has the faculty of confronting a condition without fear of being run over by the condition.

Some of those third party Prohibition leaders who forgot Prohibition to run off after free silver and Populism are beginning to show a disposition to return to the old methods of saving the country through the Prohibition party To say the least this is unfortunate for that party.

General Weyler in the midst of the roar and tumult of his magnificent charges on hospitals and his outrages upon defenseless women and children has stopped long enough to inform an anxious world that his conscience is clear If he is correct he is in sight of a fortune which he may possess by selling the receipe for the compound he used to clear it.

The usual complaint is heard as to the extravagance of the river and harbor bill which recalls the fact that when a river and harbor bill was under consideration, while Proctor Knott was in congress, that gentleman proposed to amend an item in the bill, providing for the improvement of an insignificant stream so as to provide for macadamizing the stream. The idea this was intended to convey was that macadamizing would be the cheaper method of improving the stream. No particulars have been given out this year, but it may be that the committee has not provided for macadamizing enough streams

The St. Louis Globe Democrat says that "political bosses thrive in proportion to the neglect of voters to attend the primaries No neglect no boss" This is a great and important political fact well stated but it might have gone further and stated another in connection with it. The political boss also depends upon his ability to fool the voters and secure their votes at primaries against the interest of a fair deal. Thousands of good sound McKinley men all over the country were led into acts detrimental to McKinley by the worst sort of deception. This is a case in point, and for this reason it is referred to in this connection to show that machine politics does not hesitate to mislead the people and get many of them to do things they subsequently regret. The political manipulator considers it legitimate to deceive his fellow man whenever he pleases to do so.

Hovell's bill to repeal the libel law was killed Thursday in the house It had been ordered to a third reading and made a special order and when it came up the representatives of honest politics jumped on it and crushed the life out of it. There was no demand for the repeal of the law. It was a modification of the unjust law that had been on the statute books for many years and which stood as the tool of blackmailers and men of doubtful character to be used against newspapers and many a newspaper under that suffered when no offense was committed. As the law was there was absolutely no defense for a newspaper sued for libel no matter whether the alleged offensive publication was intentional or whether it slipped in by the use of plate matter prepared elsewhere and if ample apology had been as prominently published in the paper alleged to have published the so-called libel the paper could under that law not plead the apology or correction. Two years ago the law was amended so as to give the newspaper some rights in a trial for libel and no one has been harmed by it, but since that time some of the newspapers in the state have attacked boodling in the legislature and the discredited political machine and the people connected with these organizations concluded they would get back at these newspapers by repealing the law enacted two years ago. The defeat of their proposition is simply another reminder to these gentlemen that they do not own the people of the state of Illinois and that they are encountering the gentle zephyrs of the day of wrath which awaits them. The chances are that this will be the only attempt made this session along that line.

"Moderate Protection."

American Economist: There is one point which congress should carefully consider in framing a new tariff bill. No "moderate" protection should be tolerated where the moderation can only be effected by compelling the laborer to accept the low scale of wages made necessary by the Wilson bill. What the country demands is a complete restoration of the wage earner's purchasing capacity as it existed before the free trade onslaught upon our industries; for it is the two or three billions of dollars in wages which protection caused to circulate freely in the United States that will bring domestic trade up to the high water mark.

No patriotic American should be content with less than his old McKinley prosperity, and it certainly will not return with any "moderate" protection. Let labor be considered first in every instance. It is the poor man, working with his hands from day to day, who buys the most liberally in proportion to his income and makes the great bulk of our volume of trade. Save the American markets for the products of American labor and make the tariff embrace the highest possible wages consistent with the ratio of the American labor supply to the demand for labor. Congress should carefully examine every proposal for a "moderate" tariff and see if it be not the result of a compromise by which a touch of free trade is to be maintained, so that the wages of the workmen can be left upon the level to which they were hammered down by the Gorman-Wilson law.

Board of Pardons.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature providing for a board of pardons consisting of three members to be appointed by the governor. The bill seeks to empower the board to hear and determine all applications for pardon or commutation of sentence. While perhaps this is not the best time we have ever had to create any new pecuniary obligations which of course would accompany the organization of any new board of commissioners, the object is a good one. The item of considering the multitude of applications for pardons in this state with its present population has become a great burden to the governor of the state, and it would be well to relieve him from this duty

It has reached a point where these applications in some cases almost amount to a retrial of the case and the governor is forced to listen to long and specious arguments by attorneys or read volumes of manuscript in order to give petitioners a fair hearing. And doing the best he can the governor cannot give them the consideration he should without interfering with the other and more proper business of his office. Right here comes in the interests of the commonwealth. It is not fair to neglect these interests and it is unfair to turn criminals loose upon the commonwealth upon a superficial examination of the applications as was evidently done in many cases by Altgeld. A board of pardons could take up these cases and do justice to both criminal and people and in view of this the chances are that the pardoning power would not be so often abused as it has been in the past and so many hardened criminals would not be turned loose as in the past to recommit crime and be tried at the people's expense and sent back to prison only to come up again to torment the governor at the people's expense.

The criminal classes are becoming a source of greater expense to the people year by year and it is time that the item of expense must receive more consideration than in the past, and when criminals are justly convicted and sent to prison they should be left there unless there is some extraordinary reason to pardon them, and they should be made to pay their way while in prison. It is enough that the people are forced to stand the expense of the trial of these public enemies, which in the state of Illinois is enormous, reaching into millions annually. A board of pardons if properly and honestly organized could save the people annually much more than their salaries would amount to.

Like Interests.

Major McKinley once said: "Your interests as a people no longer run on sectional lines." This is true, combat it as you will. It is a fact that has just been fully and conclusively demonstrated by the election of a party to power pledged to destroy protection as a tariff principle The depression and the idleness which came as a result is universal. There is not a section of land in the United States which is inhabited that has not suffered the consequences. It has oftentime been said that protection only benefitted the north and that the result of its operation was to tax the south for the benefit of the north. And this fallacy was believed in the south so much that when the attempt was made to secede from the union the confederate constitution was made to explicitly declare that no tariff should ever be laid for protection or the fostering of any industry

Added to this error, as to sectional interests, there was also the error that protection only benefitted those who were directly interested in manufacturing. That it did not benefit the farmer, the carpenter, or the physician; and that all unprotected trades and professions were taxed for the benefit of those engaged in manufacturing. But when the party came into power threatening the destruction of the protective policy and the manufacturers began to trim their sails for the promised storm, and idleness instead of employment became the rule, it was as difficult for the carpenter to get work as it was for the man who worked in the factory It was as hard for the farmer to find a profitable market as it was for the manufacturer The power of the people to consume had been destroyed and in short all the people suffered alike and all sections suffered alike. This was the lesson. If this is not sufficient let us watch the evolution from depression to prosperity, when protection is again reinstated. As soon as the American mills begin running again and the mill men are called into employment, the carpenter, right on their heels will be called upon to take up his plane and saw for the reason that as soon men are again employed in the mills there will be houses to repair and houses and mills to build, and every trade and profession will enjoy a new pulsation north, south, east and west. Our interests as a people are not divided along the lines of protected and so-called unprotected pursuits or trades. Whenever one great calling in life is crippled every other calling suffers. As it is put in holy writ, the head cannot say to the body I have no need of thee, nor can the hands say to the feet I have no need of thee. Every part must be perfect to have a perfect body. To be healthy the heart must send the blood into the most remote extremity of the body. The great heart that sets the rivers of prosperity going is the manufacturing industries of the country. When they are built up and running they furnish markets and enable men to employ carpenters, to buy the merchants' goods, pay doctors and dentists' bills and the whole body in every part is perfect. Surely, as McKinley says, "our interests as a people are no longer run on sectional lines"

The Insanity Dodge.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Whatever may be the judgment which will be ultimately arrived at by the experts who examine Duestrow's brain, there can be no doubt that the insanity plea in criminal trials has been invoked too often for the good of the community. It is now twenty-seven years since that plea saved Macfarland, the slayer of Richardson, in New York Macfarland and his wife lived unhappily together, and she had secured a divorce and was engaged to marry Richardson. Thinking that Richardson had alienated his wife's affection, Macfarland shot him, and he died a few days after from the effects of the wound. On the trial Macfarland was acquitted on the ground of "emotional insanity."

The phrase "took," and a fine field was opened in which sharp lawyers were able to befog jurors and defeat justice. A man-slayer suddenly became something different from the vulgar murderer which the people of earlier days had considered him. Immense possibilities were created for lengthening out trials and for exhausting the patience of the public, until even acquittal would bring relief to the community by taking the case out of the courts The wrangling of the insanity experts which these trials caused for a few years threatened to produce mental derangement among everybody who read about them or listened to them Under any conditions a criminal who could raise enough money to employ skillful lawyers could impede justice for a long time, but the insanity pretext furnished him with barriers behind which he often could escape to freedom.

Happily the insanity plea has lost much of its effectiveness in recent years. It was interposed so frequently, and to shield so many different sorts of malefactors, that there was a popular revolt against it and the press exposed it. Jurors became distrustful of the defense which would make the criminal irresponsible at the moment he was committing his crime, and responsible enough immediately afterward to be allowed to run at large. They reasoned that if the derangement was not sufficient to warrant his seclusion in an asylum it was not sufficient to save him from the penalty prescribed for his crime. Thus the insanity dodge in murder trials does not figure quite so conspicuously as it did half a dozen or a dozen years ago It was in itself an abuse which at one time rose to the dimensions of a crime, but an outraged public sentiment is forcing its abatement.

The Sultan Holds the Key.

Chicago Times-Herald: It is probable that the principal scene of action in the Cretan controversy will soon be moved from Canea to Constantinople. The Turk is not a negligible quantity, as his defiance of the strongest of the powers in the last two years has shown. He is a "big black bounding beggar, but a first-rate fightin' man," and it is not to be supposed that he will accept with complacency the sudden cession to his hereditary enemies of a valuable domain that the race has held by the sword for nearly 200 years. If it is true, as the well informed suspect, that both Russia and England are disposed to let Greece work her own sweet will with Crete, the sultan is still to be considered, and, what is more to the point, the Mohammedan fanatic is to be considered.

We must remember that the whole series of catastrophies reported from the east has been but an acute expression of the perpetual warfare of the two irreconcilable religions. It was fanaticism that nerved the arms of the soldiers of the sultan, and it was fanaticism that spurred the Cretan mountaineers to slay the Turks. The eastern races have been moving toward the brink of a great religious war for a number of years, and so widespread has the insurgent feeling of the Mohammedans become that fear of exciting mutiny in the Indian army has played no unimportant part in staying England's vengeance on the sultan.

It is this hair-trigger condition in the east that has made Greece's unexpected movement a source of grave anxiety to every power of Europe. The outbreak was bound to occur soon or late, but the general expectation was that it would be postponed till the spring, and that Macedonia would apply the torch. The Greek government appears to have had this probability in mind, for two weeks ago the establishment of a permanent camp at Thebes was reported. The Duke of Sparta was to take command

Greece is more than eager for the fray, while the Turkish people are not at all loth to fling out the banner of Islam and proclaim holy war against the Giaour. Thus the sultan, himself a fanatic, is placed between fear [illegible] of his throne, for this must be the inevitable result of a war, and fear of assassination at the hands of the faithful, the latter emotion is apt to be all powerful with a man who has lived in the midst of alarms for twenty years.

The next decisive word will come from Constantinople, and it would be far from surprising if it should be an appeal to the millions of Mussulmans in all parts of the world to rise and make a last stand for the faith of Mahomet the prophet.

CONDITION OF HUGH CREA.

Relatives and Friends Deeply Concerned —He is in a Chicago Hospital.
From the Daily of Friday.

Hon. Hugh Crea, senior member of the law firm of Crea, Ewing & Walker, has been a patient at the Augustine hospital at Chicago since the first of the year. That Mr. Crea was ill and had gone away from business cares to recuperate was known to his family and a few friends. It was at his own personal request that the newspapers have remained silent as to Mr Crea's condition. He has been afflicted with progressive kidney disease for a dozen years. Two months ago at the Chicago hospital Dr E. J. Brown of this city, and two eminent Chicago physicians performed an operation for the relief of Mr. Crea, and the result has been anxiously awaited. Yesterday Hon. H. S. Green, of Springfield, a close friend of Mr Crea came down from Chicago, to visit the family, and at noon Miss Lillian Crea, with the son, Attorney Harry Crea, of Monticello, left the city for Chicago. It appeared that there was a change for the worse, but information late last night was to the effect that Mr. Crea's condition was considerably improved. Mrs. Crea, being ill, could not go.

The legal and other duties of Mr Crea during the past year brought upon him a realization of his serious condition, and after consultation with his physicians he resolved to go away for a rest and treatment, hoping for speedy recovery.

Speaking of Mr. Crea's affliction Dr Brown is quoted as saying:

"Mr. Crea has been afflicted with a progressive kidney trouble for the past ten or twelve years The disease finally reached that stage where it became necessary for an operation to be performed. He was operated on at Augustine hospital eight weeks ago. Drs. Ochsner and Lydston performed the operation and I was present to assist them. Up until two weeks ago he progressed finely. He was able to be up part of the time and answer his correspondence Since then it has been discovered that acute Bright's disease had developed with symptoms of uraemia. His condition is serious but it is not hopeless"

News from Mr. Crea To-Day.

A telegram was received in Decatur at noon today from Chicago stating that Mr. Crea is no worse today and that he is resting comfortably.

Louis White went to Chicago last night to visit Mr. Crea. Mr. Walker will also go to Chicago as soon as he gets strong enough to make the journey

PROHIBITION MEETING.

The Members of the Party of Macon County are Holding a Conference in This City.
From the Daily of Friday.

A conference of the members of the Prohibition party of Macon county was held at the W. C. T. U. hall in this city today. Oliver W. Stewart, the state chairman, is here to assist in the meeting. There was a fairly good attendance at the conference and matters pertaining to the work of the party were discussed. Mr. Stewart presided. This morning Rev. A. W Hawkins made an address on the subject, "What Can We Do for the Cause." A short talk was made by the chairman.

This afternoon Mr. Stewart made an address on "Prohibition Principles." Rev. James Hobbs spoke on the subject, "Why I Am a Prohibitionist." He said that in communities where Prohibition was a fixed fact that the people had peace, plenty, good government, common sense and religion. He gave other reasons why he was opposed to the liquor traffic and why he was a party prohibitionist. Rev. J H. Hughey read a paper on "The Best Plan for Work in this County," in which he referred to the holding of outdoor meetings, work in the school houses and the distribution of prohibition literature. A petition in favor of woman suffrage was presented and signed by those in attendance.

Another session will be held this evening when an address will be made by Mr. Stewart. He is traveling through the state holding conferences in different cities for the purposes of assisting in the work.

Death of Philip Clark.

Philip Clark, for over forty years a resident of DeWitt county, died at Clinton Friday. Mr. Clark was an extensive traveler in his younger days. He was the author of a guide to California, and is the last one of Abraham Lincoln's early friends. Mr. Clark was intimately associated with Lincoln when the latter was a flatboatman, and served with him in the Black Hawk war. He was personally known to the late David Martin, and all veterans of the Black Hawk war have frequently referred to him in recognition of his personal worth.

Will of Thomas Lord.

The last will of the late Thomas Lord was filed for probate in the county court Wednesday. The estate consists of 700 acres of fine land in Macon county, residence property at the corner of West Decatur and College streets valued at $10,000, and other personal property worth $6000. All of the property is bequeathed to a daughter of the deceased, Mrs. J. S. C. Cussins, the only child. There are no debts. Everything is clear.

Death in Long Creek.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Heckel, aged 4 months and 19 days, died this (Friday) morning at 3 o'clock at the family home in Long Creek township. Inflammation of the stomach was the cause. The funeral will probably be held on Sunday.

THE TURN OF LIFE.

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There is no period in woman's earthly career which she approaches with so much anxiety as the "change of life." Yet during the past twenty years women have learned much from a woman.

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The Strange Affliction of Little Wilbur Robinson.

He Stopped Growing—Limbs Became Useless and He was Unable to Walk—His Cure Brought About in a Singular Manner.

From the Observer, Charlotte, N. C.

Hearing that a child near Iron Station, Lincoln County, had been greatly benefited by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, a representative of the *Observer* went thither to see and ascertain the extent of the benefit the child had received.

Riding out on December 5, 1895, to a little country cottage in the pine woods, a mile distant from Iron Station, the reporter saw a bright-faced, young woman, a pure anglo-saxon type with light hair and blue eyes, standing in the doorway with two plump, rosy-cheeked children half hiding behind her dress. Mentioning that he was looking for a family of Robinsons, the woman seemed at first a little suspicious.

"You're a stranger in my eye," she said.

"I am trying to find a child named Wilbur Robinson, who was greatly benefited by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

The young mother smiled and a pleased look came into her eyes as she said "come in," and added, "I guess that's the one," pointing to the younger of the two little boys.

It was an humble home, the family being composed of that sturdy farming class that goes to make up one of the strongest and truest types of North Carolina's good people. The husband, Robert O. Robinson, runs the farm of 200 acres, but was off to the mill at the time.

The mother, Carrie L. Robinson, told a remarkable story of the cure of her little boy from the effects of la grippe. Her aged, white-haired mother, Mrs. Sarah A. Bandy, sat near and emphasized every word of the daughter. The little boy, Wilbur, who owed his recovery to Dr. Williams' effective remedy, played about the house and yard, and was into every conceivable kind of mischief. It really seemed that he must have taken too many of Dr Williams' Pink Pills so great was the energy with which he prosecuted his pranks. Three times his mother had to stop her conversation and rush out to rescue the reporter's bicycle, which was leaning against the house outside, and with which Wilbur was becoming almost too familiar.

This is the story the mother told:

"Wilbur was born August 8, 1893. He was a stout, healthy boy till he was nearly *five months* old. Between Christmas and New Year's he took the grippe. A physician at Iron Station attended him, and he was supposed to have recovered But the after effects of the malady lingered with disastrous results. In March, 1894, his parents noticed that he could not stand upon his feet, although before his taking the grippe he could do so easily. He could not bear the weight of his body on his feet; his legs were *not growing any nor the muscle* in them developing. He was not treated, however, till in the fall, about the last of October. When Mr Robinson took his cotton to Lincolnton, the county seat, he also carried his baby along, and a Lincolnton physician prescribed for him, recommending a lotion for rubbing his limbs. This helped the child only temporarily. Twice afterward this physician was consulted He told the parents that the child *might some day* be able to walk and again he might not 'They would just have to let him "grow along,"' as the mother expressed it, and see what developed. At this period the child's legs appeared to be shrunken. As his mother says they were "as soft as cotton" Here was a boy fourteen months old, who not only could not walk, but could not bear his weight on his feet.

In some way—they do not know how—a pamphlet found its way to the Robinson family. Old Mrs Bandy fished it out of a bureau drawer It had the picture of two dogs peeping over a fence on one cover, and on the other a herd of cows drinking in a cool stream near a bridge. Both on the fence and on the bridge, on the respective covers, was this line: "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

"When I read that those pills would build up the bone, I felt that they were *the thing* for Wilbur," said his mother.

"Old Mrs. Bandy sat up nearly all of one night reading this pamphlet, with all the testimonials it contained. A few days after they sent to one of the two village stores and got two boxes of the pills. This was about the last *of November, 1894.* Before he had finished taking the first box, the little fellow was able to bear his weight on his feet, and before the second box was all gone, he could hold a chair before him and push it across the floor.

"We began by giving him a third of a pill at a time, afterward increasing the dose to a half, so they held out a long time," said his mother. "We commenced the second box in January, this year. We had to send to Lincolnton, eight miles away, to get the next boxes. After taking the third box, in March, the child began *to go a few steps* at a time, but he didn't walk by himself till in September. The fourth box, or part of it, was administered in August."

The testimony of the mother was that the child's appetite and, indeed, his whole system was helped by the use of the pills.

Mrs. Bandy, who had been looking over a sort of diary she keeps, at this point in the conversation, read this entry: "Sept the 25th. *Wilbur begins to walk alone by himself*"

"After he once learned to walk," said his mother, "we could hardly keep him in sight of the house, and he was cured by four boxes, lacking ten pills Mother says, and always has said, the Lord directed somebody to send us that pamphlet of Dr. Williams"

"You really believe the child's cure is due to Dr. Williams' Pills?" was asked

"I am really convinced the pills cured him," the mother answered, "I haven't the slightest doubt about it."

And the boy's grandmother chimed in: "I'm just as sure of it as I am of living. I'll take an oath on the Bible that that is what did it."

The neighbors in all the section around the little village of Iron Station know and talk about the remarkable cure of this baby, who might have been a cripple for life, had he not, even at the age of two years, one month and seventeen days, been enabled to walk for the first time by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

This story may seem to the reader like a fabrication, but is told as the child's mother told it to the reporter. In order to show their appreciation, Mrs. Robinson furnished the following testimonial and signed it. (She says she is willing at any time to make sworn affidavit to her statements):

IRON STATION, LINCOLN CO., N. C.,
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My infant son, Wilbur Lee, rendered unable to learn to walk, by the effects of the grippe, when he was about five months old, I hereby testify that he was entirely cured, and the muscles in his legs developed by the use of less than four boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, so that he *is now* a hale and hearty child. I am entirely convinced that his cure is due to these pills. I also state that the above statements made to the reporter of the *Charlotte Observer* are true.

C. L. ROBINSON.

SARAH A. BANDY,
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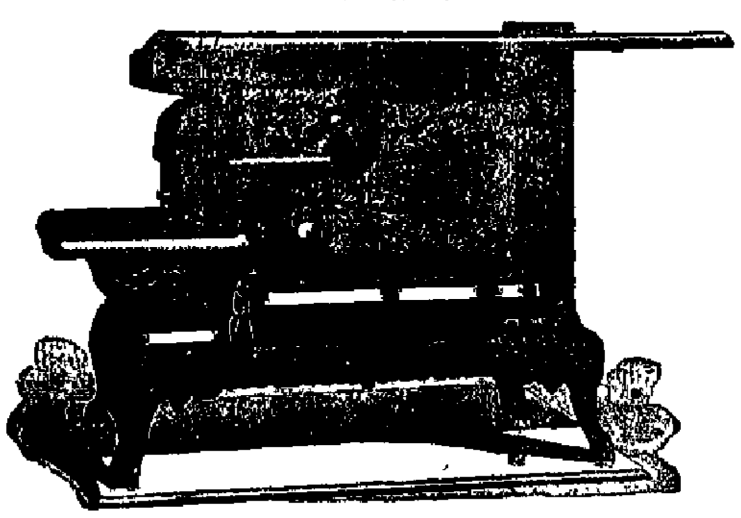

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DECATUR, ILL.

Around Home.

Bearsdale.

Mrs. E. Shrum and son, Charles, returned to their home in Wanneta, Neb., Monday last.

Those who will move this spring are as follows: Charles Pharis will move on the Powers place, vacated by Mrs. Carr; A. E. Butt will occupy the place where Charles Pharis now lives. Will Lastere will move to the old Dempsey place where A. E Butt now resides. Mr. Val Cravens will move about three miles north of Warrensburg. Mr. William Speras will move near Moweaqua. Newton Lehew will move on Mr. S Troutman's farm, one mile north of here, and Charles Lehew moves near Blue Mound.

Miss Myrtle Nieman and John Watkins were united in holy wedlock at the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. William Baum, Wednesday evening, in the presence of about sixty relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. Pharis and daughter, Lucile, and Mrs. Val Cravens spent Thursday at Mrs. Hugh Park's.

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Milmine.

Stillman Barber transacted business in Cerro Gordo Friday.

Mrs. Showalter was in Monticello today on business.

C. E. Schlagle and Ballard Showalter are visiting in Monticello this week.

Grandma Shepherd still remains very low.

The elevators here are not experiencing a very heavy rush of corn at present on account of the roads being in a very bad condition for hauling.

R. M. Shepherd had his sale Thursday. Bob is contemplating a trip south soon with his family.

Willie Tillie made his *regular trip* to Cerro Gordo last night. Will can tell how many ties there are between Cerro Gordo and Milmine, if any one wishes to be so informed.

Feb. 19, 1897.

DEATH OF AN OLD LADY.

Mrs. Catherine Leary, the Venerable Mother of James Milligan.

Mrs. Catherine Leary died this morning at 6 50 o'clock at the residence of her son, James Milligan, 418 East Eldorado street, where she had made her home since last June, when she came here from Bloomington. Mrs. Leary was a native of Ireland and came to America in 1848, to Decatur in 1858. Her age was 90 years She is survived by four children—James Milligan of Decatur, P. W Milligan of Alabama, Mrs O'Brien of Washington and Mrs. Nibill of Nebraska.

Sales of Real Estate.

George A. Corey to John W. Corey, quit claim deed to lot 4 in block 1 in First Rolling Mill addition to Decatur, $1.

Henry E Farnam to Rachael M Cooley, lots 4 and 5 in block 1 of the estate of the late Sarah E. White at Niantic, $525.

John Williams to Isabella and C R. Foster, 40 feet off of the west side of lot 1 in John Williams' addition to Decatur, $1.

Charles R. Foster to O. B Gorin, lot 10 in block 11 in Walnut Grove addition, $200.

W. E. Redmon to Phoebe E. Clem, lot 98 in block 8 in Montgomery & Shull's second addition to Decatur, $1300.

D E. Brooks to C. R. Foster lot 10, in block 11 in Walnut Grove addition to Decatur, $1.

Abiy M. Nelson to Phoebe J. Lancaster, lot 8 in block 25 in Railroad addition to Macon, $500.

Hortis T Leeper to Lawrence Tankersley, the south half of the northeast quarter of 1, 14, 1 east, $5300.

Laura E. Tankersley to John B Matthew, the west sixty feet of lot 6 in C. S. Lewis' First addition to the village of Blue Mound, $9400.

Philip G. Johnson et al to Oliver Gibson, quit claim deed to the southwest quarter of section 15, 14, 2 east, $1.

Francis M. Watrous to Ira Ivens, lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 5, Englewood addition of outlots; $1100.

E D. Carr to John T. Wright, lots 16, 17 and 18, block 8, Carr's addition to Argenta; $225.

Christena A. Kinsman to C. W Horn, lots 27, 28, 9 and 30, block 7, Wood's Walnut Grove addition; $2000.

Chalres G. Powers to Mattie J. Myers, strip of ground 6x183½ feet in block 3 in North addition, $200.

Levi Cross and wife, one-eighth interest in 11, 15, 1 east, $1.

Edward L Martin to F. Behrend, lot 17, block 2 in Riverside Place, $203.

Rufus Braden to Samuel Hornbeck, south half of lot 4 in block 7 in Forsyth, $100.

Will of William Craycroft.
From the Daily of Friday.

The will of the late William B. Craycroft was filed for probate in the county court this afternoon. Walter B. and Frank Craycroft were named as the administrators The estate embraces about 550 acres of land in Macon and Shelby counties and is valued at from $40,000 to $50,000. To the widow, Harriet Craycroft, was bequeathed all the household goods, horses, carriage and other personal property of the farm and $500 in cash besides. Wilber B. Craycroft was left a 120-acre farm in Shelby county. The land in Macon county was divided between the other children as follows. Maude Craycroft, 89 acres. William T Craycroft, 90 acres; Frank Craycroft, 85 acres, Dora Craycroft, 91 acres. The balance of the estate is to be decided share and share alike between the children.

WILL BE HELD IN DECATUR.

The Republican Supreme Judicial District Convention on April 15th.

The following letter to Captain Lytle in reference to the time and place of holding the Republican convention for the nomination of a candidate for this supreme judicial district explains itself:

Danville, Ill., Feb. 14th, 1897.

Mr. R. P. Lytle, chairman of County Central Committee: Dear Sir:—Having received answers from the several chairmen of county central committees to my letter of the 27th ult., and all agreeing that a meeting of the committee would be unnecessary, eleven expressing a preference for Decatur, three for Springfield and two for Bloomington as a place for holding the supreme judicial convention, and being practically unanimously agreed upon the date, April 15th, and the basis of representation as one thousand, I have hereby made the call for said convention, to be held at Decatur, April 15, 1897, at 1 p. m., and request that all counties within this supreme judicial district will send delegates, representation to be one for each one thousand votes, or major part thereof, cast for McKinley.

It is further requested that you proceed to select the delegates for the said convention in any way satisfactory to your committee. Very truly yours, W. R. Jewell, chairman, Danville; R. A. Russell, secretary, Bloomington.

The counties comprising the supreme district are Macon, Sangamon, Logan, DeWitt, Piatt, Douglas, Champaign, Vermillion, McLean, Livingston, Ford, Iroquois, Coles, Edgar, Moultrie and Tazewell, total, 16. Under the plan of representation Macon county will be entitled to sixteen delegates, who are to be selected by Chairman Lytle, authorized to do so by resolution adopted at the recent meeting of the Republican county central committee

There will be an assemblage of eighty-five delegates to the supreme court convention in Decatur on April 15. It will be a gathering of distinguished gentlemen as delegates and it is expected that there will be many visitors besides the delegates

Judge J. W. Wilkin of Danville, the present incumbent is a candidate for renomination. If there are others they will be made known in due time.

BUSHNELL GETS AN IDEA.

Gen. Grosvenor Believes the Governor Will Name the Cleveland Man for Senator.

Washington, Feb 20.—"It looks more promising than ever for the selection of Mark Hanna to succeed Senator Sherman after March 4," said Congressman Grosvenor of Ohio, "and there does not seem to be any other way out of the dilemma for Governor Bushnell The straightforward manner in which Mr. Cox has acted in this transaction has of course been instrumental in causing the governor to take the course wished by the people of Ohio, and our latest advices are to the effect that the governor of Ohio will do the proper thing and appoint Mr. Hanna as senator.

"There has been no question in my mind all along about the course Governor Bushnell would pursue in this matter, and he seems to have taken counsel with his friends rather than the enemies in coming to the conclusion that Mark Hanna is the best possible selection he could make to bring about harmony in the ranks of the Republican party of the Buckeye state No one has been authorized to say what Governor Bushnell would or would not do in this matter, and no attempt has been made to coerce him or make any promise. He has been left perfectly free and untrammeled, for it was pretty well understood that he knew and appreciated the situation in Ohio and would do what was right and proper under the circumstances"

Foraker Has a Vision.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 20—Considerable significance is attached to an interview which Representative Swingle of Muskingum county is said to have had with Foraker in Cincinnati last night A special from Zanesville states that Foraker expressed himself to Swingle in the following manner

"Governor Bushnell will be a candidate for renomination and re election. He has made a good governor and will no doubt settle the matter of the United States senatorship satisfactorily to all loyal Republicans when the time arrives. President McKinley and I are on good terms, and if Hanna is appointed to fill the vacancy the matter of public patronage can or at least ought to be satisfactorily arranged. I want no dissensions or controversy that would make it unpleasant to myself or to the administration. I would much prefer to remain in my office here in Cincinnati than go to the United States senate with dissensions or unpleasant complications."

Illinois on Record for Cuba.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 18.—The people of Illinois, so far as the legislature can voice their sentiments, are now officially on record for the recognition of the belligerency of Cuba. Senator Sparks' resolution, adopted by the senate last week, was concurred in by the house with practically no opposition. This resolution is less radical than the others on the same subject which have been pending for several weeks, one of which declared unequivocally for the annexation of the island. Following is the text of Sparks' resolution, copies of which Illinois congressmen will receive in their mail within a few days

"Whereas, It is well known that a large and well organized army now exists on the island of Cuba, which, by its valor and endurance has conquered and now holds about three-fourths of the island, and has, for nearly two years, exhausted the whole power of Spain, thereby earning not only the admiration of our people but the further rights of belligerents: therefore,

"Resolved by the senate, the house concurring therein, That our senators and Representatives in congress be respectfully urged to use their influence and vote to recognize the belligerent rights of those noble patriots."

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free.

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THE CABINET.

Yesterday's Reports as to the Personnel of the Cabinet Confirmed.

THE LIST NOW COMPLETE.

The States Honored are: Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Massachusetts, California, New York, Maryland, and Iowa.

Washington, Feb. 20.—President McKinley's cabinet is now complete.

With the acceptance of the postmaster generalship by Mr. Gary of Maryland and of the secretaryship of the interior by Colonel J. J. McCook of New York, the cabinet building task of the president-elect is finished.

One of Major McKinley's friends, who has just returned from Canton, brings with him the following authentic list of the McKinley cabinet as it has been finally decided upon

Secretary of State—
John Sherman of Ohio.
Secretary of the Treasury—
Lyman J. Gage of Illinois.
Secretary of War—
Russell A. Alger of Michigan.
Secretary of the Navy—
John D. Long of Massachusetts
Attorney General—
Joseph McKenna of California
Secretary of the Interior—
J. J McCook of New York.
Postmaster General—
James A. Gary of Maryland.
Secretary of Agriculture—
James Wilson of Iowa.

All these selections, excepting those of Colonel McCook and Mr. Gary, were known before.

The news that Mr. McCook and Mr Gary had been invited to seats in the cabinet and had accepted was received yesterday by senators and members of congress with many expressions of satisfaction.

In the selection of Colonel McCook the president elect has, it is believed, solved the New York problem in a way which will be satisfactory to everyone. He has never held a public office, and, while he is a personal friend of Senator elect Platt, has never been a political follower of that gentleman, nor, indeed, a member of any political faction.

The New York congressmen say the appointment cannot be criticised on political or any other grounds. Mr Platt's particular friends were in favor of the appointment of General Woodford to a place in the cabinet, but it is known that Mr Platt himself did not care much about the matter. There is every reason to believe he will be well satisfied with Colonel McCook, while the original McKinley men in New York of whom Anson McCook, Colonel McCook's brother, was one, are, of course, content. General Horace Porter, known as one of the original McKinley leaders in New York, and probably the next minister to France, is credited with first bringing Colonel McCook to Major McKinley's attention, though the president-elect and the new secretary of the interior have been friends for many years. Colonel McCook is himself an Ohio man, a member of the famous family of McCooks, "the tribute of Daniel," which sent ten sons into the union army.

McLAUGHRY APPOINTED WARDEN

Dr. Fred Wines will be Secretary of the Board of Charities.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 20.—The new commissioners of the Joliet prison were here yesterday, and Major McClaughry went with them to see the governor. Governor Tanner asked Major McClaughry to accept the wardenship of the Joliet prison. The salary is $100 less than he is receiving at present as superintendent of the Pontiac reformatory. The major said he and Tanner were soldiers together and old friends, and he would take the place. Governor Tanner said he would ask the committees of the house and senate to recommend the increase of the salary of the warden at Joliet to $5000 per annum.

Some of the trustees of the Pontiac reformatory were here too, and George Torrance of Pontiac has been or will be appointed superintendent of that institution. At the request of the new commissioners Governor Tanner will select three well equipped men for the purpose of making an investigation into the financial condition of the Joliet prison and of making an appraisement of the property belonging to the state at that place.

There is a tip out, too, that the Rev. F. H. Wines will be reappointed secretary of the board of public charities, a position to which he devoted the better part of his life and was removed when Altgeld came into office. Dr. Wines is the best equipped man for the place in all the country He is recognized throughout the length and breadth of the land as an authority in the management of charitable and penal institutions. In fact, he was the organizer of the Illinois board of public charities.

A fish commissioner is to be appointed, a state veterinarian, a member of the board of arbitration, and a few more places of that character. All the veterinarians in the state and about half of the fishermen along the Illinois river are applicants for positions of that class. Before Governor Tanner goes to Washington he will be able to clear up most of the work on his desk.

The best place he has is that of insurance commissioner. The incumbent of the office, Mr. Durfee, is a Democrat, and by the law creating the office his term will not expire before July 1. It is pretty generally understood that Col. Van Cleave is to have this office, although some people are of the opinion that Senator Berry may get it in case he does not meet with success in his contest for a seat in the senate.

OLD MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED

James Marshall Confesses He Killed a Man from St. Louis,

Chester, Pa., Feb. 20—James P. Marshall was brought to this city yesterday by Chief of Police Thomas H. Berry as the self accused murderer of a man whose dead body with two bullet holes through his heart was found lying near the bank of Cobb's Creek, in Upper Darby township, Delaware county, on the morning of Feb. 8, 1894.

The crime was one of the mysteries in the annals of Pennsylvania, and bade fair to always remain such. On the body was found a key bearing the name of the Hotel Vendig, Philadelphia, room No 17, and from this clew it was learned that on Feb. 6, 1894, a man registered at the hotel under the name of C. A. Danne or Hanne, from St. Louis, Mo, paid for a night's lodging and was assigned to room No. 17. The lodger of room No. 17 left the Hotel Vendig on Feb. 7, and was never seen alive again.

Marshall states that he met a stranger at the Cross Keys hotel, on Market street, Philadelphia, near the city line, on the night of Feb. 7, who was under the influence of liquor. A lavish display of money which he made excited the cupidity of Marshall and a man whose name he gives as David Wilson, and whom he met at the hotel for the first time. Between them they agreed to rob the stranger and after several drinks together Wilson induced the stranger to walk toward home with him, Marshall joining in The three men crossed the city line and entered Delaware county, and taking advantage of the victim's supposed intoxicated state Marshall and Wilson attempted to rob him. The attempt was so strongly resisted that Marshall says Wilson handed him his own revolver and at the distance of about ten paces he fired two shots, both of which took effect in the stranger's left breast. They then divided his money and escaped.

DIED FOR A WOMAN'S LOVE.

Illinois Man Shoots Himself in His Sweetheart's Presence.

Tolono, Ill, Feb 20—Crazed with the thought of being jilted by the girl he loved, John Rush sent a bullet through his brain yesterday afternoon and fell dead at the feet of the object of his devotion.

Rush had for some time been keeping company with Miss Addie Sadorus, the handsome young teacher in charge of the Stewart school, a mile and a half west of Tolono. Miss Sadorus accepted his attentions. A few days ago they had a quarrel. Rush was greatly worried over the trouble and last evening just as Miss Sadorus was starting home he went to the school house with the hope of straightening up their difference His entreaties were of no avail and without warning he drew a revolver from his pocket and placing it to his right temple pulled the trigger and fell at Miss Sadorus' feet and expired in a few minutes. Rush was 35 years of age and was in good circumstances The girl is prostrated.

Senator Kyle Announces His Policy.

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 20—A meeting was held last night of the Republican members of the legislature who assisted in electing Senator Kyle, which was addressed by leading Republicans of the state, who gave their sanction to the acts of yesterday and who were followed by the senator in an outline of his position. He denied any deal or change in views, but stated that he believed that as the people of the country had voted for a tariff policy they should not be disappointed. He said he would have taken the same position if he had been elected by the Populists, and that he expected some differences on the floor of the senate with his colleagues on such a policy. He declared that he still reserved to himself the right to vote as he saw fit on the silver question, and he was not in the least changed on that question any more than on the tariff. After the meeting there was a reception, in which Kyle greeted all the Republicans present.

Dr. Coffee's Slayer Acquitted.

Cairo, Ill, Feb. 20—The jury in the Crabtree case in the Alexander county circuit court brought in a verdict of not guilty yesterday, after having been out three hours and a half. Green P Crabtree was tried for manslaughter, On July 21 last he killed Dr. Isaac N. Coffee, president of the state board of pharmacy, stabbing him with a small dirk. They were rival druggists. Coffee felt bitterly toward Crabtree because the latter started up an opposition store two doors from Coffee. While passing Crabtree's store, while the owner was sitting out in front, Coffee made a vile remark, which Crabtree resented. A fight followed, and resulted in Coffee's death, which Crabtree claimed was in self defense.

McKinley Fully Recovered.

Canton, Feb. 20.—Dr. Phillips said that McKinley had fully recovered from his illness, and was probably stronger than ever before, but that from now on he would not receive everybody who called as it was necessary for him to conserve his strength. United States Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, had an interview with McKinley this morning in behalf of Colonel James E. Boyd for a cabinet position. He admitted that the selection of Gary of Maryland, made Boyd's chances slight.

A Connecticut Tragedy.

Falls Village, Conn., Feb. 20.—When he awoke this morning the 10-year-old son of Postmaster Chapin found the corpse of his mother in the dining room and near by the body of Charles Mead, son of the Rev. H. P. Mead. Near by lay a discharged revolver. Chapin is in Sheffield. The supposition is that Mead killed Mrs. Chapin and then himself.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

Boom in the Iron Trade Gives a Hopeful View of the Business Outlook.

GREAT INCREASE OF CORN EXPORTS.

Double That of a Year Ago—Other Improvements Noted in Harmony With the Iron Activity.

New York, Feb 20.—R. G. Dun & Co's weekly report says

The large increase in the iron and steel business on account of sales covering from eight to twelve months' production of the largest works, better demand for woolen goods and slightly better for cottons, a gain which may prove lasting in boots and shoes, slightly better prices for wheat, cotton, wool, and iron, and a money market well adapted to encourage liberal purchases against further improvement in business, have rendered the past week more hopeful than any other since early in November.

Heavy excess of merchandise exports over imports in January, the continuance of exchange rates showing that Europe is still largely indebted to this country on current account, and the prospect that congress will adjourn without any disturbing action, all have their favorable influence upon the money market, and upon future undertakings

In nearly every branch, the great iron and steel industry feels the upward impulse supplied by the purchases of steel rails, said to be 500,000 tons each from the Illinois Steel company, besides some from other companies. Some sales were as low as $15 per ton, and about 100,000 tons went to foreign purchasers at $17 and $18, but all recent sales are at $20 at eastern and $21 at western mills Nearly all the great railroads of the country have seized the opportunity to supply themselves with rails for one or two years' requirements. These enormous orders have advanced pig at Pittsburg only fifteen cents per ton, with gray forge a shade lower, and no considerable change appears in finished products.

The bar association no longer controls anything and iron bars are quoted at $1 05 per 100 pounds, while steel bars are quoted at 95 cents per 100 Structural forms are steady, though 100 000 to 150,000 tons are said to be required in New York alone this year, and American tin plates are still selling at $3 20, which is 70 cents less than the price for foreign.

Other industries are gaining also, though less conspicuously The recent decline and subsequent rise in raw cotton have not materially affected cotton manufacture, which is gradually getting rid of its accumulated surplus Sales of wool have sharply declined, amounting to 7,400,000 pounds for the week, against 9 158,000 for the previous week. The large mills have acquired full supplies for the present, and at any advance in prices they appear ready to drop out of the market The demand for woolen goods does not seem to have expanded materially, and no change in prices appears.

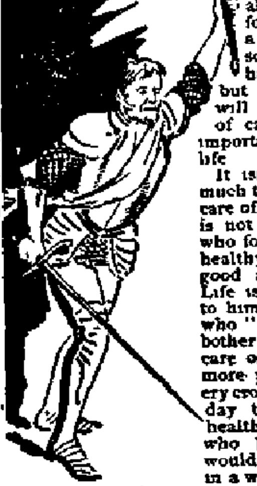
The heavy January exports following unprecedented excess of exports over imports of merchandise in the four previous months are largely due to the fact that neither wheat nor cotton have been materially controlled by speculation Wheat dropped to 80 75 cents, but rose to 83.25 cents, with no important impulse except the conviction that recent prices have been low enough.

Atlantic exports, flour included, were 1,235,000 bushels for the week, against 1,810,000 last year. Western receipts were small for the week, being only 1,508,000 bushels, against 2,415,588 last year. Meanwhile western receipts of corn have been well nigh double last year's and for three weeks Atlantic exports have been 6,317,000 bushels, against 3,235,000 last year Evidently this movement is displacing many million bushels of wheat in foreign consumption.

Failures in the United States the past week were 303, against 280 last year

Eternal Vigilance.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." It is the price of everything worth having.



It is the price of life itself A man needn't be always looking for danger, afraid that something will happen to him; but a wise man will form a habit of care about the important things of life

It isn't half so much trouble to take care of yourself as it is not to. A man who follows regular, healthy habits, feels good all the time. Life is worth living to him. But a man who "don't want to bother" with taking care of himself has more pain and misery crowded into one day than a good, healthy, hearty man who lives right would ever know of in a whole year.

When a man's stomach is out of order, and his digestion don't work, when his liver gets to be sluggish and won't clear the bile out of his blood, it is time for him to look out for himself. He gets no nourishment out of his food His blood gets thicker and thicker with impurities. His nerves get irritated He loses energy and fighting force.

He may say, "I can stand it, I will feel better to-morrow," but the chances are he will feel worse to-morrow and worse still next day He ought to put himself right at once. He needs Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery It is made for just this condition. It rouses up the digestive and nutritive organs, and gives them power to extract from the food all the nutritious elements and transform them into rich, nourishing blood. It enables the liver to cleanse out all bilious impurities and pour into the circulation an abundance of highly vitalized blood, full of the life-giving red corpuscles which build up healthy flesh, muscular strength and nerve-energy. It does not make flabby flesh. It is the only suitable tonic and strength-builder for corpulent people.

Weekly Republican.

Entered at the Postoffice at Decatur, Illinois, as second class mail matter.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1897.

It was a wise utterance when Gladstone said that the allied powers had their own character to develop.

It is reported that 400 Texas populists are about to remove in a body to Mexico. They should remember "There'll be no Bryan there."

Major McKinley has again fully recovered his health but it is given out that he cannot receive visitors except in very special cases.

It is expected the policy of the government when McKinley becomes president will assume an American aspect in relation to Cuba and a great many other things.

Nevada has gone into the prize fight business and would probably go into the lottery business also, but she cannot make arrangements, such as she might desire, with the United States mail services.

Governor Bushnell seems to have left an opportunity to run for governor to succeed himself while Mark Hanna will make a campaign to succeed himself in the United States senate.

The governor of Nevada seems to feel greatly honored by his association with Corbett and Fitzsimmons; and why not? The chances are that either one of them as governor would be as creditable to the state.

The Cretans have voted for annexation to Greece. The people of Crete, it might seem, ought to be considered by the powers, but it may turn out that the powers will assume to do all the thinking for both Greece and Crete.

The longer the war lasts in Cuba and the more sugar crops are destroyed the more valuable sugar stock will become. There are those who do not forget that President Cleveland is the owner of large blocks of sugar stock.

The people should never forget that it is as important to have good men nominated and elected aldermen as it is to have a good mayor. No matter how good a man a mayor may be if he has a poor council behind him he can do nothing.

The victories of Spain in the Philippine Islands are as great and as numerous as they are in Cuba, but the strange part of it is that the rebellion is spreading in both countries. This would indicate that the victories are largely on paper in the Philippines as well as in Cuba.

Grover Cleveland can point with pride, and some degree of extenuation to the combined powers doing police duty for Turkey while the Turks are killing and outraging Christians. Grover is playing policeman for a nation as contemptible and mean as the Turks ever were.

The powers bombarded the Greeks and the Cretans because there was no danger of a quarrel among themselves as there would be no territory to divide but the whole outfit would not dare to fire off a bull cracker in Constantinople if all the Christians in Turkey were massacred and their wives and daughters outraged.

For once he is "only a business man" Mark Hanna holds his own in a remarkable degree with the men who would not give any one a penny to tell them anything about the science of politics. Mark Hanna counts the people in while the other fellows do not and perhaps this makes the difference in favor of Mark Hanna.

The people of England had just ceased shouting over Salisbury's action in refusing to join with the kaiser in his proposition to blockade a Grecian port when the news reached them that the same Salisbury's man-of-war fired the first shot in the bombardment of the Greeks and Cretans. What will they say of Salisbury now. "poor things."

Some people are slow to observe that the protests of those who tried to defeat McKinley, to the recognition of those who fought the battles for McKinley, count in the opposite direction in which they are intended. It will be found that ingratitude is not part of the make up of McKinley and his friends and it might be added that they are not likely to be deceived.

The policy of our government, since the doctrine was first announced by President Washington, has been to avoid all entangling alliance with other nations. If this policy is to be carried out it clearly follows that the general arbitration treaty pending in the senate should be knocked higher than a kite. It amounts to an entangling alliance with England the greatest territory grabber on earth.

The congress of mothers held in Washington is the most important congress or assembly yet held by women. There is no question to which American women can address themselves with so much promise of benefit to this and future generations. It is better far than all the vaporings of the Helen Gougars of our land about reforms which they do not expect to accomplish but which are used as a means of bringing them before the people in the role for which nature has endowed them, namely, as agitators, generally on the wrong side of every question. The country will hail the mother's congress as a move in the right direction and a great relief.

Lee vs. Cleveland

If recent reports from Havana are correct Consul General Lee is all right; and that he should be handicapped by the imbecile policy of any impotent administration, as to our relations with Cuba, is greatly to be regretted and very humiliating to the consul general who believes in his own country and chafes because he cannot maintain its dignity as against the impudent Spaniards. Every day it becomes clearer that instead of policing the seas for Spain our navy should be in the vicinity of Spanish ports demanding explanation and satisfaction for outrages upon American citizens. These outrages are numbered by the score and yet Cleveland, so far, has failed to attach any significance to them, allowing Spain, in her own way, and in her own good time, to make some trivial excuse while he goes on working the American courts and the American navy in the interest of Spain in the war in Cuba. Spain seems to be playing him for a coward or a chump.

The most recent development of Spain's impudence and ingratitude after all that Cleveland has done for them, is the matter of the death of Dr. Ruiz, an American citizen, in a Spanish prison in Cuba. He had committed no crime against Spain, was simply a Cuban sympathizer and was arrested by Spanish authority, put in prison, when he was known to be an American citizen, without notifying our government, died or was killed in his dungeon and was secretly buried by the Spaniards, and not until Consul General Lee was permitted to make a demand upon the Spanish authorities in the name of his government did they deign to notice the fact that he represented the government of the United States.

This according to the story was too much for the American consul and after talking business to Spain in plain words he did a little of the same thing to the sleepy administration at Washington, in an effort to impress upon it the meaning of an American citizen and as a result United States war ships may appear in Cuban waters. If they do appear Spain will know what they were built for and will need no explanation of the nature of the craft. They should have been there long ago and the fact that they have not been there is a disgrace to us as a nation for which Grover Cleveland is responsible.

The trouble with the president is that he does not comprehend what American citizenship means. If he did, neither Spain nor any other nation would imprison an American without just cause and escape without making prompt apology in sight of the muzzles of the guns of a man-of-war. This nation is pledged to the protection of every citizen. It is a compact of citizens and no president elected by those citizens has either a moral or constitutional right to sit quietly by and permit the liberties of a single citizen to be taken away without protest. This farce of invoking international law in order to make ourselves the spies and policemen of Spain has already gone beyond the point of endurance with calmness, and if the present administration will not listen to the voice of the people as they protest and protest again and again and proclaim their sympathy with the struggling Cubans then all that is left them is to thank the Creator, whom a free people have declared has endowed mankind with an inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, that Grover Cleveland has only eight more days to execute the laws in the interest of Spain and to the discredit of the nation.

Some New War History.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Col. Fred Grant is indulging in some remarkable war reminiscences. To a newspaper correspondent he has recently related some scenes and incidents of his father's career at Vicksburg and of his own experiences in camp as a boy of 12, which it is safe to say have not before appeared in history—not even in the official war records, noted for their completeness of detail. For instance, the world never before knew that General Grant himself ran the batteries at Vicksburg, nor did anybody ever before know that Admiral Porter was "hit in the head with a shell," and certainly nobody knew that General Grant's son was ever wounded; but as Col Grant tells all this to a reliable correspondent we must believe it, or ask if people can remember well the scenes of their childhood. "Were you under fire again during the siege, colonel?" asked the correspondent, and Col Grant replied:

"Yes, there was little time during the siege that I was not in more or less danger. I had several very narrow escapes. I remember being on a gunboat a little later on when we were near the batteries of Grand Gulf. I saw many men killed there. I remember seeing one man jump on the parapet of the enemy's works just as our guns were discharged at them. A shell exploded on the spot where he was standing, and it must have blown him to atoms. During this battle I was on a tugboat, with my father, and we were steaming in and out among the gunboats during the firing. After a time we went on board the Benton to see Admiral Porter. The sight sickened me. The deck was covered with blood and pieces of flesh. Dead men, torn and lacerated, lay about everywhere, and some of the gunners, with still bleeding wounds, were standing by their cannons. Admiral Porter had been struck by a piece of shell on the back of the head. As we came up I could see that he was in great agony. He was pale and he leaned upon his sword, using it as a cane, while my father talked to him."

The spectacle of Admiral Porter with a ghastly shell wound in his head, leaning upon his sword in great agony, must certainly have been a thrilling one to this boy of 12. But it must be confessed that if the world ever knew of this ghastly incident in Porter's career it has utterly forgotten it.

How the Senate Will Stand.

The Chicago Tribune: The re-election of James H Kyle to the United States senate from South Dakota determines the complexion of that body as it will appear when the Republican party comes into power March 4. It will be composed of the following elements:

Republicans	42	Silver Republicans	4
Democrats	33	Independent	1
Populists	7	Vacancies	3

Never in the history of the nation has the delineation of parties been so uncertain as will be exemplified by the senate to be organized at the beginning of the administration of President McKinley. No party has a control in the upper branch of the national legislature and although the Republicans predominate in degree they are short of a majority, even after counting the free silver senators like Wolcott, Hansbrough, and Carter, who are true to the party, while differing with it on the most important political issue of the day.

There are also several "regular" Democrats who will not vote with their party on this question, and the subdivisions of party affiliations, if followed through the mazes of monetary and tariff issues, would be so uncertain that they would be of doubtful value.

The blue book of the German reichstag is not more interesting than a census of the senate of the United States as it will appear at the beginning of the next administration. There must be an amalgamation of divergent factions to secure control, more or less nominal, of that body. The natural divisions, in their primary formation, will be as follows.

Republicans—42.

Aldrich, Allison, Baker, Burrows, Carter, Chandler, Clark, Cullom, Davis, Elkins, Fairbanks, Frye, Foraker, Gallinger, Gear.

Hale, Hansbrough, Hawley, Hoar, Lodge, McBride, McMillan, Mason, Morrill, Nelson, Perkins, Platt, [Conn.], Platt, [N. Y.], Pritchard,

Proctor, Penrose, Quay, Spooner, Sherman [or his successor.] Shoup, Sewell, Thurston, Warren, Wetmore, Wilson, Wolcott, Wellington.

Democrats—33.

Bacon, Bate, Berry, Caffery, Clay, Chilton, Cockrell, Daniel, Earle, Faulkner, George,

Gorman, Gray, Harris, [Tenn.] Jones, [Ark.], Kenney, Lindsay, Martin, McEnery, Mills, Mitchell, [Wis] Morgan,

Murphy, Pasco, Pettus, Rawlins, Roach, Smith, Tillman, Turpie, Vest, Walthall, White.

Populists—7.

Allen, Butler, Harris [Kas.],

Heitfeldt, Jones, [Nev.],

Stewart, Turner,

Silver Republicans—4.

Cannon, Mantle.

Pettigrew,

Teller.

Independent—1

Kyle.

Vacancies—3.

Kentucky [a Republican]
Oregon [a Republican].
Florida [a Democrat.]

In the above table silver Republicans like Wolcott, Clark, and Carter, who act with the party on all subjects other than the money question, and who are members in good standing of the Republican senatorial caucus, are counted as straight Republicans, just as sound money Democrats like Caffery and Gray are classed as straight Democrats, and these may be counted upon to vote as Republicans or Democrats except on the raising of this one issue, when there would be a nearly equal shifting of party lines.

The senate now—and normally—consists of 90 members. There is little doubt that only 88, and possibly only 87, senators will be in their seats March 5. Vacancies will exist March 4 in Kentucky, Florida, and Oregon. Those in Kentucky and Oregon will be filled eventually by Republicans, in all probability, and in Florida Senator Call's successor, a Democrat will be chosen in April. The governor may fill the latter vacancy, however, promptly on March 4 by appointment.

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It would appear to be a reasonable supposition that the Republicans in the senate will have 44 votes on organization at least, counting the 2 "straight" Republicans, Kyle, the "independent," and the Republican who may come from Kentucky. There remains a single vote to be obtained, and it is likely that this will be that of Jones of Nevada or of Lee Mantle of Montana, who has shown a disposition to creep back into the fold to the side of his colleague, Senator Carter.

The Democrats, in order to get a majority, must needs corral all of the Populists and all of the independent silver Republicans. The advantage clearly rests with the Republicans.

How Greece Became Free.

Greece for 360 years was a Turkish province, but in 1821 the Greeks resolved to throw off the Turkish yoke and encouraged by Russia and led by Nicolas Ypsilanti they proved more than a match for the Turks. At the end of a three years' war Mahmoud II seeing defeat staring him in the face formed an alliance with Egypt and secured the aid of Mahmet Ali, the Egyptian pasha. For his services against the Greeks he was to receive Crete and Morea, in case the rebellion in Greece was suppressed. When the Egyptian forces arrived the war became terrible for brutality, cruelty and outrage. Greece was unable to compete with the allies and appealed to Europe and the United States for help. In 1828 the allied powers of Europe advised that an armistice should be agreed to between Greece and Turkey and that Greece should be put upon the footing of a tributary power with the right to choose her own governors. The porte obstinately refused to listen to the powers. Thereupon the fleet of the powers were instructed to prevent the landing of any more hostile troops upon Grecian soil. The Turco-Egyptian fleet refused to comply with the order and entered the harbor of Navarino with a fleet of 120 vessels, carrying 2000 guns. The allied fleet followed and its flag of truce was fired upon and a naval battle followed in which the allied fleet was destroyed save twenty-five vessels which were seriously crippled. This blow secured the freedom of Greece. It placed under the protection of England, France and Russia. The present ruler Prince George of Denmark, was elected king by the people in 1863 and was crowned by the consent of the powers.

Prorating Delegates.

Why would it not be a good thing for the Republican township central committee to adopt the plan at the coming primaries and convention of prorating the delegates to the convention, according to the vote received, by the candidate. Two plans have been tried neither of which is exactly satisfactory. These plans are: First, that the candidate before the primaries receiving the highest number of votes in the precinct whether that number is a plurality or a majority, gets the entire vote of the delegation "in the convention from that precinct; second, that the candidate receiving a majority or a plurality of the total vote cast in all the precincts gets the nomination without the action of the convention.

The first plan is less objectionable than the second for the reason that it preserves the identity of the precincts and the convention while the second plan in effect does away with the identity of both the precinct and the convention.

The objections to the first plan are about as follows: When more than two candidates are before the primaries for the same office one of the candidates is likely to get all the delegates when he has not come near carrying the precincts. For example: A B C and D are candidates for the same office and A gets 50 votes, B 49 votes, C 48 votes, and D 47 votes. A gets all the delegates while he only received 50 votes to 144 cast against him. This possibility always offers inducements to tricksters to multiply candidates in order to run a weak man, of their own choosing in on a plurality. While this is true B might get the advantage in some other precinct and C in another. In this way this objection is partially remedied by preserving the precinct identity.

The objections to the second plan are that a single precinct by unfair means might decide the fate of the ticket as the precinct identity is destroyed and the convention is left without power to correct any fraud that might be committed in a precinct. Then again in a worse form there arises the objection that in case of a multitude of candidates there is danger of an exceedingly weak man being nominated by a plurality far below a majority by working a little crookedness in a single precinct.

These are a few, only, of the more essential objections to these plans. The prorating of delegates obviates all these objections, because, to the first plan, pointed out in this article, is added the carrying along up to the convention the popular vote giving every candidate delegates in proportion to the votes cast for him at the primary. Here is an example of how this plan would work: Suppose, again, A, B, C and D, are candidates for the same office before the primaries where the precinct has 8 delegates and 250 votes are cast for the candidates for that office, and that of this number A gets 125 votes, B 75 votes, C 35 votes and D 15 votes. The first thing, after the votes were counted, the judges and clerks would do would be to find how many votes were necessary to entitle a candidate to a delegate. This would be done by dividing 250, the total number of votes, by the number of delegates. The quotient would be 31¼ the number of votes necessary to secure a delegate. But to make it as near equal as possible there should be a delegate half vote as will appear from the following computation, which is about as difficult a combination as could be suggested. By dividing these respective votes for candidates by 31¼ A would get 4 delegates B 2½ delegates, C 1 delegate and D ½ delegate or stated more properly that delegation of 8, would thus cast its vote in the convention. This, as before stated, gives every candidate in the convention an expression of the votes he got at the primary, provided he received enough in any precinct to count or entitle him to any vote in the convention. This plan is as fair and equitable as it is possible to make it and leaves no inducement open to multiply candidates to carry precincts by pluralities, or, upon the general plurality plan, to "whoop it up" in some one precinct to force a plurality.

This plan also makes a convention a body of some dignity with the people's business in hand and could not fail to give satisfaction to everybody who is willing to take his chances for a nomination in a fair deal with the people, and it might justly be added that a candidate who cannot stand a fair deal should never be honored by a place on the ticket of any party.

Rooting Out a Fraud.

The testimony before the ways and means committee has brought to light a system of fraud to which little attention has been hitherto called. A number of foreign manufacturers, not content with the great favor shown them by the Gorman-Wilson bill, have taken underhand means to escape even the light burdens which it laid upon them. They have hired irresponsible young men in this country as "consignees" and have consigned to them goods to be transferred by them to the bona fide purchasers. In the invoices these goods have been grossly undervalued and the duties, ad valorem, paid accordingly, while the transfer to the real purchaser has been, of course, at full market value. This method avoided any of the risk which comes from having to send two sets of invoices with two sets of prices, as would have to be done if the goods were sent direct to the real purchaser. This system has, no doubt, grown out of the fraud induced by the system of ad valorem duties, a system which those who would lead the country to free trade by gradual steps have made their own. Part of the evil will, no doubt, be done away with by the change from ad valorem to specific duties, a change which it is safe to say the new tariff law will make wherever possible. This will by no means solve the whole problem, but however it may be solved, the solution will be along American lines. There is a great sense of relief in knowing that the matter will be in the hands of those who believe in protection to American interests, first, last and all the time.

The Evils of Cheap Labor.

American Economist: I cannot fail to remember that one thing which stands between your labor and the labor of Europe—the one thing that stands between your workshops and those of the old world is a wise, patriotic, American protective policy.—From Major McKinley's Veranda Speeches.

This remark of Major McKinley's was greeted with cries of "Right you are." And right he is, even the free traders have to admit. They claim that the American laborer does not need anything to stand between him and the foreign workman. But the laborer himself, who knows more about facts, if less about theory, has a different idea. He has been thrown in contact with the cheap labor of Europe which has come to this country to better its condition, and he sees how they are willing to live even here, and for what miserable wages they are willing to work. He knows that he cannot meet such conditions and keep his self-respect, or even keep body and soul together. This much he knows. That these cheap laborers are just as dangerous to him in their own countries as they are in this country, unless some barrier is placed between him and them, he has begun to realize since partial free trade has made that a fact, too. As Major McKinley said, the only barrier which can effectually stand between him and the pauper labor of Europe, is a protective tariff. The American workman has come to realize that fact, too, and facts are right in his line. All these facts give rise to one more fact, viz, the passing of free trade.

Illinois Farmers' Institute Meeting.

The Wabash railroad will sell excursion tickets to Springfield, Ill, at the rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, from all stations in Illinois from which regular one way tickets are sold, Feb 22 to 26 inclusive, good returning not later than Feb. 27.

The late general assembly appreciating the great benefits resulting from the holding of Farmers' institutes, passed a law creating the Illinois Farmers' Institute for the purpose of developing a greater interest through said organization in the better cultivation of crops, in the care and breeding of the most profitable type of domestic animals, in extending dairy, husbandry, promoting horticulture, directing attention to the importance of farm drainage, stimulating the spirit of improvement in the construction of public roads and discussing the best methods of general farm management.

Up to date farmers and live stock breeders will be greatly benefited by attending the state farmers' institute meeting to be held at Springfield Feb. 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1897.—10-d&w

List of Patents.

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Illinois Conference Necrology.

The death list of the Illinois conference during the five months since conference embraces the names of Revs. C.B Draper, Lester Jones, James Miller, T. M. Prickett, George Stevens, J. F. McCann and Peter Wallace, seven in all.

Revs. W. H. H. Moore and C. P. Baldwin are aged and very sick.

Prestoria Wilkes (2:19½) will be the first horse sold at the closing out sale of the Montgomery Stock Farm, which will commence at 1 o'clock Monday, March 1, 1897, and each animal will be sold in the order that they appear in the catalogue. Twelve months' time on all sales over $25. w1-d3t

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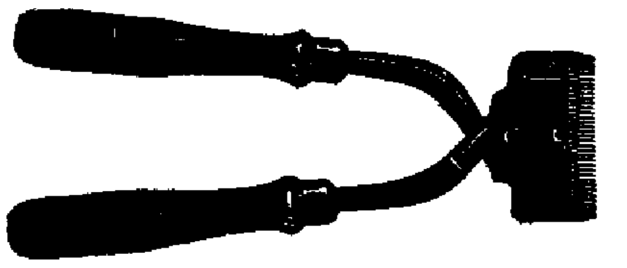

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Around Home.

Harristown.

The ladies of the M. E. church will serve oysters and ice cream in the church Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, before putting down the carpets and having the final clean up. On next Sabbath the church will be reopened for service. After extensive improvements. A furnace has been put in, an arched hard wood ceiling put on, all woodwork painted, new paper put on, new lamps, etc. They have now an elegant room. All invited to the supper and the reopening.

H. C. Wheeler and wife, of Oakley, visited relatives here over Sunday.

Mrs. Boughn went to Warrensburg Saturday to visit relatives for a few days.

A. J. Grove was at Niantic Friday.

John Cross and wife, of Decatur, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Edith Eyman returned to Eureka Monday.

Ed and Ollie Thornhill, of Webster City, Iowa, who were called here on account of the illness of their father, returned home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eyman went to Decatur Monday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Wm. Smith went to Springfield Thursday, returning home Friday.

Harristown is improving; several hundred feet of new sidewalk have been put down during the past week.

Mrs. Grindol of Decatur was in village Saturday afternoon.

J. M. Thornhill, who has been seriously ill for some time, is slowly recovering.

J. H. Fawcett went to Springfield Tuesday to attend the Farmers' institute.

Feb 23, 1897.

Milmine.

T. O. Holcomb was in Decatur Saturday night to see the "Brownies." T. O. says something like Uncle Tom's Cabin would suit him a great deal better than the "Brownies."

Will Lafever went to Decatur Tuesday on business.

Bennett Armsworth is the possessor of a bran new buggy.

Herman Bauman is getting in quite a supply of farming implements for the spring opening.

Quint Snyder will go to Paxton, Ill., the latter part of this week to remain all summer. "Poor Lucy."

Will Snyder will work for J. C. Kuns on the farm this summer.

The series of meetings closed at the Christian church Sunday night with very few additions. Bro. Patterson departed for his home in Danville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gulliford were visitors in Monticello Tuesday of this week.

C. E. Schlagle has returned from Monticello a much wiser man, so he says, than when he went.

D. N. Bower of La Place, was here Monday to see Grandma Shepherd who is still very low.

Grandpa Dobson is reported on the sick list.

February 23, 1897.

Blue Mound.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Uhrich shipped their goods yesterday by rail to Sullivan. They will follow in a few days and take up their residence in that city. They were among our foremost citizens and will be greatly missed by their many friends and especially will their absence from the Methodist church, of which society they were tireless workers, be keenly felt.

Bert Clements, of Clinton, visited his uncle, E. T. Clements and family here Saturday and Sunday.

E. T. Clements has been confined to his home on East Burgess street for over a week with pleurisy in his left side.

Lee Brown, of Kansas City, has been stopping at the Blue Mound hotel for over a week.

Roy McGee returned last week from Iowa, where he has been teaching this winter.

A. B. Doer & Co. have sold their grocery store to E. E. Kryder who will move the stock from Odd Fellows' building, the present location, to the brick formerly owned and occupied by P. M. Seiberling.

F. D. Slate, who has been running the grocery store in the P. M. Seiberling building, is closing out and will move the remnant to Argenta the 1st of March where he and his father, J. Slate, of Edinburg, will engage in the general merchandise business.

Elder Bundy, of Monticello, district evangelist, lectured at the Christian church here last night, and after the lecture took some pledges of our people to aid the Christians at Monticello in the construction of a house of worship in that city.

At a Washington's birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Becketts in the parlors of their handsome residence, corner of West Seiberling and St. Mary's streets, Monday evening, $40 was realized as an offering for the Methodist church for the foreign missionary cause.

Mrs. Eugene Herrington, of Catlin, visited her parents, Mr and Mrs. Frank Abrams, all of last week.

Mr and Mrs George Hammond, of DeKalb, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E O McGee Saturday and Sunday.

Ed VanCleave has returned from his trip to the south. John Abrams, who accompanied Ed on the trip, left him at Nashville, Tenn., and went to Toledo, where he is now stopping with his brother, L. F. Abrams.

Mrs E. Heidlebach moved to town yesterday and occupied her property recently purchased of B. D. Uhrich.

Messrs Rogers & Jackson are building a house for Dr J B Matthew on his Goat Hill farm near Morganville.

Dalton City.

Richard Duggan visited friends here Friday.

Frank Posley of Harvey City was on our streets Friday.

James Henneberry sold 50 feet of land in the West part of town to A. S. Clark for $940.

Born—To Mr and Mrs. Billy Varner, Feb 19, a baby.

Albert Allender, of Bethany, is working for the Moultrie County News.

Mr. and Mrs Commodore Hook, of Lovington, were visiting friends here last week.

D M Williamson will visit Toledo, Ill, this week.

Mrs J W McIntire and son Vern are visiting her sister in Washington, Ind.

Mary A. Duggan is repairing one of her tenant houses

George Reed is working for W. A. McClure in the but-her shop this week.

C A. Rouse and family will soon move into their new house.

Miss Maggie Mulvey and Katie Duggan returned home from Strawsburg Saturday.

Mrs. Mary A. Duggan visited Decatur last Saturday.

Our Moultrie county school teachers held a meeting at our school house Saturday evening, Feb. 20.

J. A Bayes and family will move to Arthur March 1.

George Conley, of Arcola, was on our streets last week.

Ed Hagerty visited his brother, Joseph Hagerty, Sunday.

Billy Lawton, of Bethany, visited here Monday.

L. P. Cook, our blacksmith, was a business visitor in Bethany Monday.

John Nolan is building a new addition to his house on his farm east of town.

Thomas Dalton was on our streets Monday last.

Taylor & Uppendahl have a full line of implements in their new building this spring for the farmers.

Foster Stover was a Decatur visitor last Monday.

Mike Dunn, of Findlay, was on our streets Monday.

C. A. Hight, our banker, visited Decatur last week.

Alva Armstrong, of Bethany, is repairing the furnace in C. A. Hight's house this week.

Mike Fitz visited Decatur last Monday.

J. W. McIntire was a Decatur visitor Monday.

George Webber was on our streets Monday.

Joseph Right, of Hampton, was here Tuesday.

E. V Heskett, of Sullivan, had the misfortune Tuesday to fall from the caboose on a P., D. & E. train in Dalton City and break his arm in two places.

W. P. Dunn and Patrick Henneberry visited Decatur Monday.

Miss Sarah McClaughey, of Decatur, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Patrick Masterson, of Decatur, was here Tuesday.

Casner.

The light cold snap came as a gentle reminder that it is winter yet.

There has been a great deal of sickness consisting mostly of grip and colds.

Quarterly meeting serices were held at the Long Creek church Sunday, presiding elder Randle preaching Saturday night and Sunday morning.

The new telephone company has the poles in place through here, ready for the wires. Newt Lambert says he has been honored by the company with the privilege of the first conversation over the line

Last week, and also this week, were both mostly occupied by public sales. Among those who have had sales are Henry Smith, Charles Walker, Mr. Minick, and others. Stock, especially, is bringing good prices.

Louie Wiesendanger departed Monday for Tennessee to be gone several days. We are informed that he will not return alone. He will reside on what is known as the Howell farm near here on his return.

Charles Lambert had the misfortune to strike his knee with a hatchet making an ugly and painful hurt. Dr Patterson dressed the wound and Charley is now able to be out again.

The boys who went out to furnish variety music at the McDonald-Quickle wedding did not get to exhibit their abilities as much as they would probably have desired. They were kindly received and treated of course but had to depart without even a good rehearsal of their music.

Mr S C. McConnel and family, of Whitmore township, attended the McDonald-Quickle wedding and visited friends and relatives here

La Place.

The sad news has been received here of the death of little Clyde Lichtenberger, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. D. Lichtenberger at Highlands, Colo. The family has many friends here who sympathize with them in their sorrow.

Scott Wilson and Daniel McCameron became engaged in a brawl one night last week and came together like a pair of mad bovines of the masculine gender. They pawed and bellowed until becoming exhausted from their awful exertions they stopped before giving the coroner a job

Peter Fouts and Charles Redman went to Macon last Thursday.

A great many from here have been attending the M E protracted meeting at Lake City, regardless of the synod.

Jones of snake story fame, has been quite ill but is able to be out again.

Percy Saffle of Lake City, was on our streets one day this week

Will Synder of Decatur, was visiting old friends here last week.

Francis Wolfe made a business visit to Prairie Hall last Friday

Mrs. Millie Redman visited friends in Decatur a couple of days last week.

Will Hyland went to Decatur last Wednesday.

Mrs Wm. Seitz was buried in the La Place cemetery on Monday.

George Rambo took a crowd to Decatur Saturday night on the band car to see "The Brownies."

Hon Seymour Marquis came over from Springfield last Saturday to inquire into the desires of his constituents.

Mr A. Trimmer has rented his farm to Mr Weisendoger and will shortly move to Decatur.

Henry Vigles left here last Friday for a trip to Clinton and Bloomington.

Miss Blanche Daniels, who has been very sick for some time is improving slowly.

Mr Homer East of Milmine, was interviewing Republicans here one day last week. The gentleman desires to be assessor.

The advance guard of southdowns have commenced to arrive looking for work among our farmers, a sure sign that spring will soon be here.

H N Greene was in Macon's capital last Saturday.

The Republicans will hold a caucus at Ulery's hall tonight to determine who shall have the offices in this end of the township.

Daniel Binkley of Lovington, visited his sister, Mrs Houseworth over Sunday.

Charles Farner will move to Lake City soon.

John Hoyt shipped a car load of stock from here on Tuesday.

Mrs. Addie Draper of Danville, is here on a visit to her parents, Mr and Mrs. Deacon Daniels.

M. I. Hendricks of Boody, was shaking hands with old acquaintances here last Saturday

Frank Edgecomb was a Decatur visitor Saturday

Joseph Ulery, Morris Vanhorn, Charles Kearney and Mrs. Cordy Mahannah were in Decatur Monday.

A man started to haul a load to town on Monday, when his team and wagon sank out of sight in the mud, the man being a good swimmer escaped to tell the story. At last accounts the rig was within a few feet of China.

Next will come the supreme court judicial convention which will be held in Decatur on April 15.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 24, 1897.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to S. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
February	—	—	—	72⅝
May	75	75⅛	73⅞	74
July	72⅜	72⅜	71	71⅛
Corn—				
February	—	—	—	22⅜
May	24⅜	24⅜	24⅛	24⅛
July	25⅜	25⅝	25⅛	25⅜
Oats—				
February	—	—	—	15⅝
May	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛
July	18⅛	18⅛	18	18
Pork—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	7 97½	8 05	7.95	8.05
Lard—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	4 00	4 10	4.00	4 10
Ribs—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	4 10	4.15	4 10	4 15

May wheat: puts, 73⅜c; calls, 74⅛c, curb, 73⅝.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—38. Estimated, 20. Year ago, 57.
Corn—312. Estimated, 200; a year ago, 465.
Oats—401; Estimated, 340, a year ago, 224

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 12; Corn, 125; oats, 180.

Hog receipts 35,000; estimated, 40,000. Market strong to shade lower

Light, $3.45@$3 62; Mixed $3 40@$3.60, Heavy $3.40@$3 55; Rough $3.30@$3 30.

Estimated for to-morrow, 35,000.

Cattle receipts, 16,000. Market steady, 10c lower.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, Feb. 24.—Corn, firm, new, No. 2, white, 19⅛c; oats, firm, No. 2, white, 18¼@18½c, Rye, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Butter, steady, creamery, 12@19c; Eggs, steady, 13@17c.

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Frank L. Taylor and J. B. Moffett, under the firm name of Taylor & Moffett, have opened an office in Room 10, Opera House Block, for the transaction of a general law, insurance, real estate and collecting business. Mr. Taylor, who will attend to the insurance, real estate and collecting business of the firm, needs no introduction to the people of this city and county. He has been connected with the sheriff's office for five years past and in that capacity has been an accommodating, faithful and efficient officer. Everybody knows Frank. Mr. Moffett is a son of Ex Senator W. T. Moffett of Blue Mound township. Some thirteen years ago he read law in the office of Crea & Ewing. By the advice of Mr. Ewing he entered the Albany law school from which he graduated in 1884. He then went to Kansas where he continued in the practice for some six years, and then moved to the new Territory of Oklahoma. He advanced rapidly in his profession there and took an active part in settling the many complicated legal questions constantly arising in the new country. He held the office of district attorney for Kingfisher county, Oklahoma, for two years last past and performed the duties with unsurpassed ability. He comes to us well recommended not only as a lawyer but as a man.

We bespeak for this firm a good share of the public patronage.

The Ideal Panacea.

James L Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. At West's drug store

To Farmers and the General Public

I will open on Monday, March 1, in Central Block (B. Stine old building), the most complete restaurant in any city outside of Chicago. Meals will be served for 25 cents. Lunch counter attached. Call and see me and I will treat you right.

H. D Greider, Proprietor.

The 30th marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Price was celebrated at their home in Wheatland township on Monday.

A good two-seated surrey (nearly new), a buggy and cart, also two yearling Jersey heifers, will be sold at the closing out sale of the Montgomery stock farm, and 18 head of horses, on Monday, March 1, 1897. w1-d3t

The residence of Joseph Faith, at the corner of North Water and King streets, was entered by a burglar Sunday night. He stole a purse containing $160, money that Mr. Faith had collected for rents.

Little Diana Cigar.

The best in the market for the money. 100 in a box, $1.50.

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Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 928 North Main street. Durfee & Culp —1-d&wtf

Rev. D. E. May of Mt. Zion, will preach in the Methodist church at Illiopolis next Sunday morning and evening.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison, of Worthington, Ind., *Sun* writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Anna Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and strength. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Get a bottle at West's drug store

Sullivan Progress: One hundred and twenty acres, the remainder of the estate of the late James Powell, in Jonathan Creek township, sold last week at master's sale for $71.50 per acre. J. F. McDonald was the purchaser. He has more than two sections lying in one body and better farming land can be found nowhere else in the world.

Cloak and Suit Department

Cloaks

Ladies' Black All Wool Kersey Beavers, size 32 to 44, worth $7.00, now	$1.50
Ladies' Jackets, Latest Style, Box Front, Latest Sleeve, Kersey, Beaver, Boucle and Crepon cloths worth $7.00, and $8.00 now	2.95
Ladies' Jackets, best Kersey, Beaver, Boucle and Crepon Cloth, worth $9.00 and $10, now	3.95
Ladies' Jackets, Best Kersey, Beaver, Boucle and Crepon Cloth, Latest Style Sleeve, Box Front Full Lined, worth $12 and $14, now	5.00

Ladies Suits

One Lot Ladies' Spring Suits, Blazer or Reefer style, in Cheviots or Novelty effects, worth $10.00	5.00
One Lot Ladies' Suits in Navy Blue and Black Serge Blazer and Reefer style worth $10 and $12,	7.50

Ladies Skirts

50 Skirts in Black Figured Brilliantine, best style at	$1.75
25 All Wool Black Figured Novelty Skirts at	2.98
One Lot Skirts, all wool Shephards Checks, latest style, at	4.95
25 Black Figured Gros Grane Silk Skirts, latest style, worth $10,00, at	6.95

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Death at Mt. Zion.

Mrs M. J. Shrull died at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning at the home of her brother, S. F. Davidson, at Mt. Zion, aged 54 years. Her death was caused by paralysis. She leaves two children, J. D. Shrull and Mrs. E. Hoffman, of Paola, Kansas. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Riber, of Mt Zion, and Mrs. C. A. Bendure, of Kansas City, and a brother, S. F. Davidson.

Marriage Licenses.

Albert Pierson, Argenta, 24.
Jessie Shaffer, Argenta, 19.

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ON THE GALLOWS.

Two Murderers Swung Into Eternity as Just Punishment For Their Crime.

ONE HIS WIFE, THE OTHER A CHILD.

Latest Complications in the War Speck in the East—Cretans Clinging to Greece, and the Greeks Active and Defiant.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Daniel McCarthy, the printing house employe, was hanged at noon today for the murder of his wife last May. The deed was committed in a fit of jealousy. McCarthy was strangled to death.

In Delaware.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 19.—Thomas Willis, colored was hanged at New Castle this afternoon for the murder of an infant child last March, because he said it became a burden to him.

Trouble Ahead.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—(Copyrighted by Associated *Press.*)—*Newspapers* here reflect on Emperor William's bitter resentment at the rejection by Great Britain of his personal proposal to coerce Greece. The kaiser's proposal caused great surprise in diplomatic circles because it was assumed that he would not oppose Greek pretentions owing to his sister, Sophia, being the wife of the crown prince of Greece. It appears, however, that there has long been an absolute estrangement between them. The National Seitung says: "The future will show whether the agreement of the powers will be disturbed by manifestation of separate British interests which promises to raise the veil shrouding the origin of the extremely strange Greek adventure.

Fight in Progress.

Canea, Feb. 19.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press.)—The Garrison of Fort Boukolles composed of 300 soldiers and 100 Cretan Musselmen, after being dislodged by the Greek artillry retired to Allikianu where they were again beleagured. The fighting is still proceeding. The government armed Musselman and volunteers have started to the rescue.

THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Bills Introduced To-Day—Adjournment of Both Houses Until Tuesday.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 19.—In the house today a resolution was adopted asking the United States secretary of state to use good offices in behalf of Sylvester Scoville, the New York World correspondent, now in prison in Cuba A resolution by McAniry, was adopted asking congress to pass a bill to compel the marking of all convict made goods as such. Bryan introduced bill as a supplement to the arbitration law of 73. It provides that it shall be lawful for people to make mutual agreements for arbitration disputes in respect to future transactions and that no action at law between them will be allowed until after arbitration has taken place. Adjourned till Tuesday.

In the senate the session was brief and unimportant. Monroe introduced a bill granting women the right to vote at special town meetings and for town officers. Adjourned till Tuesday.

Removed by Mistake.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 19.—W. S. Matthews of Kinmundy, late trustee of the southern hospital for the insane at Anna, was removed by Governor Tanner through a mistake. Representative John A. Barnes, who is the governor's son-in-law, said last evening:

"Mr. Matthews about a month ago placed his resignation in my hands, with the request that I present it to the governor. I agreed to do this, but completely forgot about it. Mr. Matthews supposed he had resigned until he learned through the newspapers yesterday that he had been removed. The governor was entirely ignorant of the fact that I had Mr. Matthews' resignation in my pocket, and so removed him from office."

Record-Breaking Sale of Hogs.

Taylorville, Ill., Feb. 20.—At the Hart-Minnis combination sale of hogs held at Edinburg, twelve miles northwest of here yesterday, forty-two head brought $136,-131.20, an average price of $814.60, thus breaking the world's record for hog sales, the previous average price being $251. Look Me Over, a 7-year-old boar, brought $3690. This is the highest price ever brought by any hog at public auction. The Look Me Over Breeding Association of Stanberry was the purchaser. Anderson's Model, a sow, was purchased by G W. Mull of Carthage, Mo., for $1675, which sum is $25 more than was ever previously paid for a sow.

Constipation in its worst forms, dyspepsia, sick headache, biliousness and derangement of the liver are readily cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers These little pills never gripe. Small pill, safe pill, best pill. A. J. Stoner & Son Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Senator Mitchell's Manly Proposition.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 20.—Senator Mitchell addressed his supporters in the legislature today saying that it was their duty to elect a Republican to the United States senate and if at any time they find they can elect another man than himself releasing them from allegiance to him.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. *Healing* for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Louis Reifstack, a farmer, while riding in a fox chase near Tolono, had a leg broken by the falling of his horse.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

MAJ. GEN. ROBINSON DEAD.

Famous War Veteran Passed Away at Binghamton, N. Y.

Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Major General John C. Robinson died at his home here yesterday. He was born in this city April 10, 1817, and after being graduated from West Point began to study law. In 1839 he was commissioned second lieutenant of the 5th United States infantry, and assigned to duty in the northwest. During the Mexican war he was commissioned captain.

When the south had seceded he was put in command of Fort McHenry. His brilliant defense of this stronghold made him famous. In September, 1861, he was commissioned colonel of the First Michigan volunteers, and shortly afterward was made major of the Second United States infantry. He became brigadier general of volunteers in 1862. At the battle of Spottsylvania he was wounded in the knee, and a week later the leg was amputated. He was brevetted major general of volunteers in 1864, and "for gallant actions" in the fields was brevetted lieutenant colonel, United States army, in 1863, colonel in 1864, and a brigadier and finally a major general in 1865. He also received a congressional medal for distinguished gallantry at Laurel Hill, Va., May 8, 1864. He was retired in 1869, with the rank of major general, United States army.

In 1877 and 1878 he was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. General Robinson was a Republican and in 1879 was elected lieutenant governor of this state. He was a thirty-third degree Mason.

General Robinson leaves two sons, Lieutenant J. M. Robinson, United States navy, and Cleveland Robinson, and one daughter, Mrs. Robert A. Hall of White Hall, N. Y. The funeral will be held Sunday.

GARY GETS THE PLACE.

Confirmation of Many Rumors—Appointee at Canton.

Canton, Feb. 19.—Hon. J. A. Gary of Baltimore, spoken of for postmaster general, arrived here this morning and proceeded at once to the McKinley residence.

Baltimore, Feb. 19.—A private dispatch received here leaves no doubt that James A. Gary of this city, has been tendered the appointment of postmaster general by Mr. McKinley.

Speculation.

Canton, Feb. 19.—The published reports to the effect that Col. J. J. McCook of New York, has been tendered the portfolio of attorney general cannot be verified. It is thought, however, that Judge McKenna may be attorney general and that McCook's name may in that event be under consideration for secretary of the interior, which, with Long for the navy, and Gary for postmaster general, would complete the cabinet.

New York, Feb. 19.—Col. J. J. McCook said today that he had not received directly nor indirectly from McKinley any intimation that he had been or would be tendered a position in the cabinet.

Sure to be in the Cabinet.

Canton, Feb. 19.—After a conference of several hours, Mr. Gary said to the Associated Press. "Governor McKinley tendered me a portfolio in his cabinet While it is not definitely settled which one, I am assured it will be one I can accept."

CHRISTIAN COUNTY FARMERS.

The Institute at Taylorville—Papers Discussed at the Meeting.

Taylorville, Ill., Feb. 19.—The second day of the Christian county farmers' institute showed undiminished attendance and interest. Chairman Harry Grundy of Morrisonville, spoke on "How Best to *Restore* and Maintain the Fertility of the Soil." Thornton Hunter and George Large, of Taylorville, also discussed this subject. C. A. Shamel of Chicago, managing editor of the Orange Judd Farmer, delivered an address on "Weeds." S. B. Harrison of Morrisonville, an extensive fruit grower, read a paper on "Fruit Culture as an Aid to Health and a Means of Profit on the Farm." "What Can the Average Farmer Do to Better His Condition?" was the subject of general discussion. Fred Grundy of Morrisonville, read a paper on "The Importance of Poultry Raising." Music was furnished by the Taylorville Ladies' quartet and the Taylorville Male quartet. Miss Maude Temple of Taylorville, recited.

Resolutions were drafted, expressing the institute's disapproval of a bill now before the legislature to establish a farmers' institute bureau at the University of Illinois. Were the bill to become a law it would tend to give the management of the institute work to the bureau, and have an influence to lessen the interest of the masses in the work. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Richard Stone, president; W. T. Baker, vice president; J. W. Hunter, secretary; George Large, treasurer. After receiving and acting upon the reports of committees and transacting miscellaneous business, the institute adjourned sine die.

Triple Shooting Affray.

Odin, Ill., Feb. 19—Yesterday afternoon a shooting scrape took place at the Illinois Central depot in which three colored coal miners, William Burke or Burch, Elmer Jackson and William Johnson, were each wounded, Burke perhaps fatally. Johnson and Jackson were talking together on the platform, when Burke came up, armed with a shotgun, and opened fire upon them. Jackson was shot in the hip, Johnson in the legs and lower part of the body. Burke ran, but was soon captured and brought back to the depot. Johnson thereupon drew a revolver and shot Burke.

Lost—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Weekly Bank Statement

New York, Feb. 20.—The weekly bank statement shows reserve increase. $428,-000. Banks are holding $55,666,000 in excess of the legal requirements.

WEYLER ELUDED.

Gomez Again Crosses His Lines and Moves Toward Havana.

HAS AN ARMY OF 15,000 MEN.

Gen. Rivera Active in Pinar del Rio—Spanish Atrocities Continue—They Sell Captive Cuban Girls to Soldiers.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 19.—Private information has been received in this city of the whereabouts of General Gomez. He has succeeded in sliding by General Weyler, and is now between him and Havana.

General Gomez gave the command for an advance with strict orders that any man who struck a match or smoked would be court martialed. He then advanced on the Moron trocha in the eastern end of the island with 5000 cavalry and 10,000 infantry. He advanced on the fort at midnight, and when he was discovered by the Spanish, who fired on him, he ordered the cavalry to charge. They swooped down on the fort, and captured it and the whole army went through the trocha. All of the arms and ammunition of the fort were captured. The army then continued the march, and was encamped at Veguite when the news was sent to this city by a courier. His order in taking the fort was to use the machete only, and the cavalry made a gallant fight.

A band of Spanish guerrillas, under Major Loren, raided a camp of country pacificos near Casigua, Havana province, Tuesday, killing eight of the ten men found there and ill-treating the women, some twelve in number. A Cuban boy escaped and carried the story to the camp of an insurgent band near by, commanded by one of General Lacrt's officers. The Spanish troops were closely pursued and later attacked as they forded a small stream. The Cubans fell upon them with great fury on account of their recent massacre of Cuban women, and for half an hour the fight raged fiercely. Many of the Spaniards were drowned in the creek and the troops were driven off in utter rout, with the loss of nearly forty men Four prisoners, captured by the Cubans, were instantly shot.

A raid was made night before last upon an outpost, five miles from Havana, the Spanish sentry lines being driven half a mile with a loss of ten men. The insurgents fired several buildings, the glare being seen in Havana. Troops were ordered sent to the scene of the disturbance yesterday. The Cuban bands encamp in plain view of the block houses, in the suburbs, near Havana, and it is seldom that they are attacked by the garrisons. The Spanish officers say with a shrug, "There's no glory there—those devils shoot to kill."

IN PINAR DEL RIO.

Rivera Active—Spanish Atrocities Continue—They Sell Cuban Girls.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 19—(Sent by mail from Havana to avoid press censor.)—While Gomez is keeping the Spanish columns in the east busy, General Rivera is doing his share in the west, though the Spanish censor never permits a word to go out contradicting Weyler's ultimatum that "Pinar del Rio is pacified."

Last week a detachment from Rivera's army, numbering about 500, met and defeated over 600 Spanish troops under the veteran, Colonel Lasero. The Cubans attacked Lasero's camp at daybreak, dashing through the place and making a complete surprise. Lasero fled from his tent half dressed to avoid capture. Several of his officers were killed in their beds. The Spaniards rallied soon after, but the surprise was too great, and after a spiritless defense of half an hour they retired in confusion toward San Christobal. The camp equipage was burned and the Cubans secured much needed supplies. The Spanish loss was nearly 300 wounded, killed and captured, while the Cubans lost a few men.

Near Artemisa another supply train was wrecked Tuesday, ten men of the guard being killed by the explosion of a bomb that was under the track. Hardly a train in that section can now get through, as the insurgents have lined the roadway with their camps and they know when the trains with exceptional good supplies are sent off.

Another auction sale of girls took place at Artemisa Monday, ten young girl captives being sold to Spanish soldiers and officers. Those sold previously were released for effect after Havana priests had sent in their protests, but were afterward returned to their masters. The Catholic clergy at Havana has made a strong protest to Marquis Ahumada, but to no effect. The bishop of Havana has sent a protest to Rome and to Madrid on the subject. His cable message was refused here by the censor, and he had to forward it by mail.

As Told at Madrid.

Madrid, Feb. 19.—The statement published about operations in the Philippines in all respects realized plans of General Polavieja. The rebels were in an advantageous position in Tampiona to the number of three thousand. They were attacked by Spaniards and after courageous resistance were routed at the point of bayonet with a loss of 400. The Spanish loss was twenty killed, forty-seven wounded.

Witnesses Did Not Appear.

New York, Feb 20—The joint legislative committee investigating the trusts was compelled to adjourn this morning till Tuesday on account of the failure of witnesses summoned to appear.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

THE MOTHERS MEET

The Third Day's Session of the Mothers' Congress Full of Interest.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Interest in the mothers' congress crowded the First Baptist church yesterday long before the hour for the opening of the session. Physical culture for women, character building, as distinguished from ordinary educational methods, and the proposition to establish a national training school to teach domestic science, were the subjects of the day, and they received most earnest attention.

Delegates to the congress have been much interested in the workings of the "Mothers' Meetings club" of this city, an organization of colored women. It is conducted by a committee of ladies from St. Luke's P. E. church (colored), and is really auxiliary to the Y. M. C. A. (colored.) The primary object of these meetings is to help industrious, self-supporting women to clothe themselves and families at as little cost and by as easy methods as possible. Goods are purchased by the committee, garments cut and basted, and then sold to the mothers who ordered them for the actual price paid for the goods. Charge is made only for the exact amount used in the garments; cotton, needles and thimbles are furnished free. Small payments of from 5c to 15c are made and paid for, when it is taken home. This club has been organized for four years, and has a membership of ninety, with an average attendance of forty seven. All denominations are represented in the club, and all avail themselves very gladly of the advantages offered. The club work is not confined to sewing, but papers are read on practical subjects, such as the training of children, the duties of mothers, the ordering of the home, and kindred topics. The committee is contemplating adding a school for the teaching of plain cooking and the care of the sick.

Recent arrivals from the west to attend the congress include Mrs. John A. Allen of St. Louis, president of the Missouri State Federation of Women's clubs; Miss M. Tapp of the W. C. T. U, Jacksonville; Mrs E. G Rhodes of the Iowa Children's Home society, Mount Vernon, Iowa; Mrs. F. F Ford, Mrs. W. W. Kysee and Mrs. H. S. James of the Woman's club of Omaha, Neb.; Miss Ellie L. Campbell of the free kindergarten at Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mrs Alice M. A. Picker, Falkton, S. D.; Mrs. Laura Bingham Loomis, Mothers' club of Redfield, S. D.

Third Day's Session.

The devotional exercises this morning were conducted by Mrs. H A. Stimson of New York City.

Miss Julia King of the *faculty* of the Emerson college of oratory, Boston, in the course of her address on physical culture said:

"A true system of physical culture, properly taught, aids in building up ideal character. First, through its effect upon the health for, in the nature of things, health affects character. Again, health of body leads to equanimity of mind and gives a moral direction to the intellectual activities. Some people call every kind of artificial exercise physical culture, but nothing can be said to be true physical culture which does not recognize theoretically and practically the principle that the body is the servant of the soul."

At the close of Miss King's address she recited "You Never Can Tell," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Mrs. Ellen Richardson of Boston, followed with a paper on "Character Building vs Education."

"The new education," she said, "had for its purpose originality of thought and the building up of character. It takes the youth from the farm, the shop, the studio, and returns him better and stronger farmer, mechanic and artist."

Mrs. Sallie A. Coston of Falkland, N. C., read the last paper of the morning, on the subject of "National Training for Women," in the course of which she said

"Scientific motherhood means more than a casual thought can grasp. It means a grander, nobler race, an altruistic humanity which shall fit the earth for the Savior's advent It means the reformation of the drunkard, the redemption of the criminal, the repentance of the murderer, the abolition of asylums for blind, dumb and insane. It is evident that woman's most imperative duty to the government under which she lives is to supply a population composed of the highest types of men and women, and it is equally evident that a scientific motherhood is necessary to the proper performance of this duty. But all duty is reciprocal, and it is the duty of the government which seeks the welfare of its people to offer to its women an opportunity for the attainment of this scientific motherhood which will be fraught with so much good to the nation. Scientific motherhood will give no marked impetus while restricted to a fortunate few. It can be done through the establishing by the government of a national training school for women, where the women of the nation shall be trained in the science of domesticity and peace, just as at West Point and Annapolis the men are trained in the science of war. In the school, woman should be taught the highest domestic science; in all its universities she should be taught applied chemistry, sanitation, disinfection, the prevention and cure of disease, the care of infants and their foods, the application of science to all departments of household labor and the mysteries and possibilities of heredity."

A resolution was adopted with much enthusiasm thanking Mrs. Birney and Mrs. Hearst, who made the first mothers' congress not only possible, but a great success.

Spanish Victory.

Manila, Philippine Islands, Feb. 20.—The Spaniards captured the insurgent town of Silang by assault after bombardment. Five hundred insurgents were killed.

United States Senate for Greece.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The senate adopted a resolution by Cameron expressing sympathy with Greece.

Walker's elevator at Assumption has been completed and will soon be in operation.

AWFUL ACCIDENT.

Gasoline Explosion Causes Loss of Life at Cleveland.

FIVE PERSONS WILL SURELY DIE.

Jacob Ciclex Made a Serious Mistake in Making a Fire—Panic in a School House in Boston.

Cleveland, Feb. 19.—The family of Jacob Ciclez, was almost completely wiped out this morning by the explosion of a gasoline lamp. Eight persons were burned and five will probably die. Ciclez and wife and three of their children are the worst sufferers. The fourth child with Albertr Jerno and Joseph Jerga, boarders, were badly burned. Ciclez rose early to light the fire and mistook the gasoline lamp for kerosene. The explosion followed application of the match.

THE DEFAULTER RETURNS.

Will Potter, Jr., Ex-Deputy Postmaster of Maroa, Pleads Guilty.

Maroa, Ill., Feb. 17.—Will Potter, jr., the defaulting deputy postmaster of this city, returned home Saturday morning. That afternoon accompanied by his father, Samuel Potter, and Major C. F. Emery, he went to Springfield and appeared before the federal court, where he pleaded guilty. He gave bonds to the amount of $500 for his appearance, if the federal grand jury should return an indictment against him. Mr. Potter denies the charge of gambling and claims that he *was hard pressed for money* to pay his debts. He had full control of the office and, no doubt, commenced appropriating government funds to his own use several months ago. J. R. Morgan, Republican, has been appointed deputy to succeed Potter, and it is asserted that he will become a candidate for the office under the incoming administration. The present incumbent's term does not expire for one year.

Tanner Makes Additional Appointments

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 18.—At a caucus of Democratic members of the house this morning it was decided, 16 to 36, not to make the bill authorizing the state to borrow a quarter of a million for current expenses a party issue.

The governor sent to the senate this morning the following appointees: Board of commissioners for the Joliet penitentiary, J. H. Price. Kewanee: H. H. Green, Bloomington; Thomas O'Shaughnessie, Chicago. Members of the board of commissons of labor: P. H. Donnelly, Springfield; James Alexander, Murphysboro, and Andrew Yaeger, Alton; T. D. Kelliger, Pana; S. M Dalzell, Spring Valley. Members of the board of managers of the Pontiac reform school: S. McMillan, Chicago; Wm. Jackson, Rock Island. The senate immediately went into executive session and confirmed the appointments.

Bills were introduced: Appropriating $460,000 for the completion of the insane hospital at Rock Island; prohibiting the employment of children under 14 years of age. Appropriating $100,000 for the completion of the Woman's Relief Corps home at Wilmington. Adjourned.

The Republican members of the senate in caucus decided to adjourn from Feb. 26 to March 9 to permit members to attend the inauguration of McKinley.

In the house the following bills were introduced. To fix the rate charged for berths in sleeping cars materially reducing those in vogue. Also one declaring that express companies are common carriers and placing them under the control of the railroad and warehouse commission.

Long heated discussion resulted when Revell's bill for repeal of the libel law came up on third reading. At its conclusion the roll was called and the bill was defeated by a vote of 69 to 66. The Speaker overruled a motion to strike out the emergency clause with the view of securing a vote on the bill without the emergency clause and he held as the bill had failed to receive a majority vote it was killed and the motion to strike out the emergency clause was not in order. Adjourned.

Monetary Conference Bill Agreed To.

Washington, Feb. 20—The house committee on coinage decided to report favorably the senate bill for the international monetary conference with amendment authorizing the president, if he saw fit, to seek an agreement by diplomatic negotiations instead of conference Ten of the seventeen members of the committee were present. Three Republicans, six Democrats and one independent, eight of whom are free silver men. There was no dissent. Five Republicans absented themselves.

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LOCAL NEWS.

On Feb. 18, Mrs. Catherine Houser, a widow aged 69 years, leaving three sons and four daughters, died at the family home near Forsyth. The burial was at the Boiling Springs cemetery on Saturday.

The codicil to the will of the late Andrew Lord is to the effect that each of the children of Mrs. J. S. C. Cussins, daughter of the deceased, shall receive a gold watch at the time they graduate from any high school, each watch to be of the same value.

Twenty-five thousand English sparrows have been killed and the bounty paid by Champaign county since Dec. 1. For years the eaves of the court house roof have furnished a home for the birds, but owing to the number of marksmen constantly firing at them they have either all been killed off or sought other quarters.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

An exchange spins a yarn to the effect that a Bloomington girl has a pair of the coldest feet yet discovered in central Illinois. Her mother recently put a jug of boiling water at the foot of her bed to keep her feet warm, but in the night the girl's feet got so cold they froze the water solid and bursted the jug.

Fred Reeder, a well known farmer in Hollis township, Peoria county, has for several years past raised buckwheat on his farm, and has been increasing that farm product largely the past two years. Last fall he raised and had ground 5000 pounds of buckwheat flour and has disposed of it all.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor; delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

An organization of farmers has been effected in one of the townships of Kankakee county to resist the payment of taxes levied for the purpose of building and sustaining a high school. Some of them live three miles from the proposed school and have no interest in its construction. The case will come before the county court.

Chicora, Pa., "Herald:" Richard Vensel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success of medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so-called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vinsel said it assisted his children through a very bad siege of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectoration very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The oldest person whose parents were born in Illinois is said to be Supervisor A. C. Scroggin of Mt. Pulaski. He was born May 14, 1842. His father, L. K. Scroggin, was born in Gallatin county, near Shawneetown, Jan. 25, 1819, and his mother, Lavona Buckles-Scroggin, was born April 30, 1826, four miles west of Mt. Pulaski, in what was then a part of Sangamon county. His grandparents were married in Illinois territory. Thus Mr. Scroggin antedates and wears the honor heretofore held by Judge Creighton of Springfield, who was born in 1845.

A druggist in a small Illinois town who reads the newspapers was much struck with the ingenuity of a fellow craftsman who advertised "thirteen two cent stamps for a cent and a quarter," and then charged his customer a cent and a quarter of a dollar. The Illinois druggist decided to resort to the same kind of advertising and placed a placard in his window. This is the way it read: "Thirteen two-cent stamps for 1¼ cents." Before the clerk's error was discovered the druggist was threatened with bodily violence by several would-be purchasers of postage stamps at bargain counter prices.

In the Circuit Court.

From the Daily of Friday.

These entries were made on the chancery docket in the circuit court today:

Abram Garver et al vs Felix M. Garver et al, partition; motion of Abram Garver to postpone sale; motion overruled.

Clinton S. Hoffbein vs Hattie Hoffbein, divorce; suit dismissed by complainant.

Benedict McGorray vs Mary J. McGorray et al, partition; report of commissioners approved and decree confirming title as to decree of partition and decree of sale as to residue. Proof heard; attorney fee fixed at $150 to be taxed as costs.

Mattie Reich vs Charles Reich, divorce and injunction; dismissed by complainant.

Chan Powers in the South.

On Tuesday last at Hot Springs, Ark., Chan Powers of Decatur, the Illinois champion live bird shot, was in a shooting match and came out first best with four others. The Hot Springs Morning Sentinel says: "About 400 people witnessed the Arkansas Travelers handicap event at the mid-winter live bird tournament yesterday afternoon at Whittington park. It was decidedly the most interesting yet given. The purse was $500 with $500 added which made it interesting to the shooters as well as the spectators. There were 20 entries and 25 birds each." Powers, Settles, Merrill Sergeant and Murphy, each killed 24 birds and divided first money, each taking $64.50.

Bills by Cochran.

Hon. W. G. Cochran, from this legislative district, introduced several bills in the Illinois house on Wednesday. They include a measure for revising the revenue code, also a bill providing for the establishment of a department of law at the University of Illinois; also a bill appropriating $94,120 annually for two years to defray the ordinary expenses of the state board of agriculture, and $100 per annum for each county agricultural institute.

THE ANNA B. MILLIKIN HOME.

Statement for the Year's Work—Mrs. W. F. Busher is President.

At the annual meeting of the board of the Anna B. Millikin Home and Macon County Industrial School held at the home of Mrs. W. F. Busher, these officers were elected:

President—Mrs. W. F. Busher.

First Vice President—Mrs. Frank Wells.

Second Vice President—Mrs. Robert Baker.

Third Vice President—Mrs. I. A. Buckingham.

Treasurer—Mrs. A T. Hill.

Secretary—Leonette Johnson.

Financial Showing.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. A. T. Hill, makes this showing for the year: Receipts, cash on hand at last report, $563.49; received from Macon county, $1258.08; from board for inmates, $629.60; rent of stable, $26.50; cash donations, $13 35. Total, $2490.97. Expenditures: For Erring Woman's Refuge, $676; supplies, including fuel, $467 71; matron and assistance, $479 21; painting and repairs, $936.56; telephone, $18; treatment of infant's eyes, $25; transportation to Chicago, $12 45; placed to account of new building fund, $178 50; total, $2093.43. Cash balance on hand, $397.54.

Secretary's Statement.

In her annual report Leonette Johnson, the Home secretary, says: The managers have held twelve regular and five special meetings. While the work has gone along so quietly, much has been done to help and relieve those in distress. During the year fourteen have been in he industrial school. One was sent to the Erring Woman's refuge in Chicago, and one to the state reform school. One who was placed in a home has been married. Two are in the school now and the rest have been placed in good homes. Eleven little girls have been taken good care of and sent to school by their mothers, who are employed, paying a small sum for their care. Eight babies have been cared for. One was sent to a good home in New York, one has a good home in this city, and the rest were taken home by relatives. Seventeen old ladies have found a comfortable home with us. Six have boarded for a short time, three are permanent boarders, two are given a home without compensation and three are boarded there by the county. This does not include a great many women, old and young, who have been given shelter for a night or two. The donatons to the home for the year have been liberal in the way of clothing, food and a great many housekeeping things. Only one death occurred at the home for the year, that of Grandma Todd, in her 97th year. There is great need for a larger and better home, for the president, Mrs. Busher, has a request every day for a place for some old lady or child. The family now numbers eleven girls, nine old ladies, one baby, the matron and assistant. The managers gave a dinner last November at which $205 was cleared and then in December gave the society minstrels, netting them $616 50. They desire to thank all who took part in the entertainment, the newspapers for their free advertising and to all who in any way helped make these entertainments successful. The building fund was $831.50. At the last meeting of the board they voted enough money from the home fund to make this $1000 to be placed at interest. The managers feel much encouraged.

Wedding Bells.

The residence of Mr. R. F. McDonald near Casner was filled with about seventy-five invited guests on Wednesday evening the 17th inst., to witness the marriage of his eldest daughter, Luella, to Mr. Oscar H. Quickel. At 7 o'clock Miss Nellie Myre played a beautiful wedding march from Keleder to the strains of the music the bride and groom marched into the parlor where they were united in marriage by the Rev. A. M. Danely. The company bestowed upon them congratulations and good wishes enough to make them happy through life. At 8 o'clock an elegant luncheon was served, consisting of a great variety of fine fruit and delicious cake. The bride looked beautiful in a handsome golden brown brocaded silk trimmed in pink satin and chiffon. The friends left many tokens of good will in the shape of beautiful presents of great variety. The young people are from good families and personally are of sterling worth.

Matrimonial.

In the county court Wednesday Judge Hammer united in marriage Silas R. Nowlin and Miss Pearl A. Rau, both of Austin township. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Nowlin were in attendance at the wedding.

Ernest Potrafski and Miss Tillie Nodoule were married at the residence of the bride's uncle, John Sharntzky, 709 North Woodford street at 5 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, Feb 17, the ceremony being performed by Rev. William Heyne. The attendants were Albert Burt and Miss Amelie Sontowski. The groom is a resident of Tolono. He will take his bride to that city tonight and on Friday night the couple will be tendered a reception by the groom's mother. The groom is a brother-in-law of Officer Ed Koshenski, of the city police force.

Mortuary.

The following death notice refers to a cousin of Charles Morgan, Mrs. George White and Mrs A. Gandy of Decatur: "Died of pneumonia at her home in Rockefeller, Lake county, Illinois, Friday, Feb. 5, 1897, Mrs. J. E. Holcomb, aged 41 years. Mrs. Holcomb was a lady who possessed the faculty of gaining warm friends wherever she went. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband and four loving children, the youngest a bright little girl of three summers, besides other relatives and a host of friends. The funeral took place Sunday at the old homestead. Interment at Ivanhoe cemetery. To the bereaved family we extend our warmest sympathy."

Born.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baldridge, of 864 West Decatur street, on Feb. 15, a son.

REV. RUCKER AGAIN.

He Makes Another Attempt at Suicide, This Time in Chicago.

BOUGHT REVOLVER, KNIFE AND SHOT

Taken in Charge by the Evanston Police—How He Planned to Take His Life—Returns to Clinton.

From the Daily of Friday.

The Chicago Tribune of today contained a sensational story about the Rev. James C. Rucker of Clinton, for fifty years a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, who went to Evanston with the avowed purpose of taking his life. He purchased a revolver, a large pruning knife, and eight pounds of shot. That was night before last.

He was taken into custody later by the Evanston police as he was on his way to throw himself into the lake. He confessed that his first intention was to shoot himself, and then, if this failed, to sever an artery with the knife. He reconsidered both these plans, however, and decided the best way was to cast himself into the lake loaded down with the shot.

One of the minister's wrists was badly lacerated from an attempt at self-destruction made several weeks ago.

Mr. Rucker, who is 80 years of age, was half a century a member of the central Illinois conference. He has been superannuated for several years and has been living at Clinton. He is considered wealthy, and his friends know of no reason why he should desire to end his life, unless his mind has become unsettled because of domestic difficulties.

Mr. Rucker went to Evanston on the alleged mission of visiting L. C. Pitner, an old friend. He arrived in Evanston on Wednesday morning, but did not go near Mr Pitner. He did go, however, to a local hardware store, where he purchased a revolver and one cartridge. A little while later he returned and bought a pruning knife with a broad, keen blade.

Mr. Rucker, after supplying himself with these suggestive weapons, went to the Avenue house, where he ordered a meal. His actions in the dining room were so peculiar they attracted the attention of the guests. After his meal he asked for a room, but remained there for only an hour. He paid the clerk with the remark that he could not sleep.

The minister then appeared for the third time at the hardware store. This time he wanted shot. He asked first for four pounds done up in pound packages. The shot was handed to him and he carefully tested its weight. He apparently was not satisfied, for he ordered four pounds more.

Mr. Rucker next inquired of the clerk how far it was to the lake, if the lake was frozen over, how deep the water was, and pursued a similar line of questions which caused the clerk to regard the old man suspiciously.

When the minister left the clerk called up the police station, and Policeman Ben Siegel was sent after Mr. Rucker. The patrolman overtook Mr Rucker in the Sheridan road, which runs along the lake shore.

The venerable divine professed great indignation when placed under arrest. He asked that Mr. Pitner be sent for immediately and that he would tell the truth.

In Chief Bartram's office Mr. Rucker confessed that it was his intention to commit suicide. He pointed to the bandage on his wrist as an evidence of his state of mind. He explained that the revolver would not act properly. He had tried the knife on the towel in his room at the hotel, but was not satisfied with its sharpness. He then had decided that drowning was the best method of death.

Mr. Rucker sagely remarked that he was now convinced that it was not his destiny to die a violent death and he guessed he would have to "become a Calvinist." He begged that no publicity be given to the matter and promised faithfully not to make another attempt at suicide.

Detective White accompanied the minister to the home of his niece at No. 9, St James place. Mr. Rucker will return to his home at Clinton. Mr. Rucker is separated from his second wife and this is said to have worried him a great deal.

Robert Oglesby in China.

From the Daily of Thursday.

This morning L. L. Burrows received a letter from Robert Oglesby who went to Shanghai, China, last year. He sailed from this country on a merchant vessel on August first and did not reach his destination until Jan. 7. He writes that he arrived safely and enjoyed the trip. The ocean voyage was a long one. The vessel went from this country around the Cape of Good Hope and then to China. Mr. Oglesby expects to take a trip up one of the rivers and visit the interior of the country.

Death of a Brother.

Springfield Journal: Major James A. Connolly was called from Washington last Friday to Indiana by the announcement of the death of his youngest brother, Frank Connolly. The interment was made in Mansfield, Ohio Monday. The deceased was a bright young lawyer. For a number of years he had been paralyzed and lived in an invalid chair. Major Connolly returned to Washington Tuesday.

Performed an Operation.

Thursday Dr. W. M. Catto assisted by Dr. John Miller, performed a surgical operation on the 12 year old son of Mrs Allen of Blue Mound. They removed a tumor of the face. The operation was a delicate one but the child will not suffer any serious results.

PASSED AWAY.

Mrs. J. J. Peddecord Dead at the Age of 77 Years—Resident Since 1836.

From the Daily of Friday.

Mrs. Ophelia W. Peddecord, wife of Hon. Jasper J. Peddecord, died last night at 8:45 o'clock at the family home, 226 North Franklin street, aged 77 years. The deceased had been in poor health for a number of months, and much anxiety was felt, especially during the past few weeks. She had been confined to her room since the holidays, owing to general debility and the weight of years.

Ophelia W Oglesby was born at Brownsboro, Ky., Jan. 5, 1820, being the daughter of Jacob Oglesby and Isabella Watson. The parents died in 1833 when the cholera swept over that county and in 1836, accompanied by her brother, Richard J. Oglesby, afterward distinguished three times as governor of his adopted state, the deceased came to Illinois where she had been preceded by some of her father's relatives. At Decatur on Nov. 8, 1837, she was married to John S. Adamson and to them one son was born, Henry W. Adamson, who died in 1860. Her husband died in 1840 and on Aug. 30, 1842, she was married to Jasper J. Peddecord, the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. W. S. Crissey, who is still remembered by some of the older inhabitants of this city. To this union five children were born and all of them but one are residents of Decatur. They are W. W. Peddecord, Mrs. J. H. Vennigerholz, Mrs. E. C. Rurode of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Richard G. Peddecord and Mrs. V. P. Brandau. All of the children were with her at the time of her death. The deceased had long been a member of the Methodist church and had exemplified in her life the teachings of that faith.

Mrs. Peddecord, as stated, came to Illinois in 1836 and she knew Decatur when there were very few people here. She has seen the place grow from a village to a town and a city of nearly 30,000 inhabitants.

Died.

At her home, 909 West Eldorado street, Feb. 17, Mrs. C. W. Wahlquist, aged 25 years. Deceased leaves a husband and two children, one a babe one day (12 hours) old at the time of dissolution.

Death of an Infant.

The infant child of Walter and Lelah Addis died of lung fever this morning at 6 o'clock. Funeral from the residence, 463 South Water street, Sunday afternoon.

JUDICIAL APPORTIONMENT.

Committee Decides to Report Bill Providing for Seventeen Articles.

The Illinois house committee on judicial apportionment Thursday took up the bills of Mr. Johnson of Fulton, and Mr. Fuller—the former making fifteen and the latter seventeen judicial circuits, instead of thirteen, as at present. The question whether there should be fifteen or seventeen circuits was discussed. Alschuler, Stoskopf and Gaines, Democrats, favored fifteen circuits, while Bailey, La Monte and Chairman Cochran, Republicans, advocated seventeen circuits. It was finally declared the sense of the committee that the bill be framed to provide for seventeen circuits. "This will give the state twelve additional circuit judges," said Charman Cochran—"just enough judges to constitute the bench of the appellate court."

Chairman Cochran and other members advocating four additional circuits, instead of only two, declared that the business of the circuit courts in many counties is in such a congested condition that a material increase in the number of judges is imperatively necessary. A subcommittee consisting of Chairman Cochran, Bailey, Berryman, Williams, Torrence, Stoskopf, and Gaines was appointed to act in conjunction with a senate subcommittee in the preparation of a judicial apportionment bill. This joint sub-committee began work last night.

"It is important that the bill be passed at the earliest possible day," said Chairman Cochran. Judicial conventions are now being held for the nomination of candidates for judges, and matters will become complicated if we do not act soon."

INSTITUTE AND WEDDING.

Events at Mt. Zion on Wednesday—Workers in the Country.

From the Daily of Thursday.

The normal bible institute held at the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Mt. Zion Wednesday by George W. Miller, state worker of the Sabbath school union, was a most instructive and gratifying service. P. P. Laughlin county president of the Sabbath school union, and Rev. A. W. Hawkins of Decatur, were present. The meeting was especially notable for its earnestness and deep spirituality. Brother Miller will hold institutes in Decatur Saturday and Sunday.

Richard Travis and Miss Rachael Thompson were married at Mt. Zion yesterday at 6 30 p. m., by Rev. M. C. Cockrum, pastor of the C. P. church. The wedding took place at the parsonage and was a very quiet affair. Both of the young people are highly respected residents of Mt. Zion.

Marriage Licenses.

Dock Neblock, Decatur, 22.
Frankie Earlywine, Decatur, 16.
John D. Watkins, Country, 24.
Myrtle V. Neiman, Country, 22.
Oscar H. Quickel, Long Creek, 23.
Luella McDonald, Long Creek, 18.
J. W. Fulk, Oakley, 22
Carrie Erwin, Jasper county, 20.
William Baughman, Decatur, 21.
Janie Pyler, Decatur 19.
Earnest Patrafski, Tolono, 30.
Ottilia Nadable, Decatur, 23.
Ulysses S. Friend, Decatur, 26.
Anna Bailey, Decatur, 24.
Marion Burkhead, Dalton City, 29.
Katie Cheatham, Mt. Zion, 26.
Silas R. Nowlin, Austin township, 21.
Pearl A. Rau, Austin township, 19.
Richard E Travis, Long Creek, 21.
Rachel M. Thompson, Long Creek, 15.
Fred K. Schwab, Jr., Friends Creek, 22.
Ida Jones, Friends Creek, 26.
Otis Veech, Sangamon, 23.
Essa Rischer, Sangamon, 23.
William B. Funk, Oakley, 23.
Nettie F. Siltz, Oakley, 20.
George Bowde, Alton, 31.
Mrs. Katie Baker, Jacksonville, 20.

COOK FOUND GUILTY.

Havana Jury in a Verdict Says He Committed Manslaughter.

CAUSED DEATH OF A YOUNG GIRL

Miss Minnie Bennett, of Maroa, was the Victim — Cook at the First Trial Got a Sentence of Fourteen Years.

From the Daily of Saturday.

This afternoon the Republican received this telegram:

Havana, Ill., Feb. 20.—In the circuit court today in the trial of the case of Eddie Cook of Logan county for the murder of Miss Minnie Bennett of Maroa, Macon county, in May, 1895, the jury brought in a verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter. Cook will go to the penitentiary without the court fixing the term of years' imprisonment.

Cook was indicted for murder in the May term of the Logan county court in 1895, and was tried in the September term following. He was convicted and was sentenced to the penitentiary for fourteen years. At this trial two important witnesses for the state, R. N. Dills and wife of Atlanta, were absent and the state asked for a continuance on that ground, but the defense was anxious for trial and admitted by written agreement that Dills and his wife would testify that they had seen Eddie Cook and Minnie Bennett in the office of Dr. B. F. Gardner, Jr., at Atlanta, and by agreement this matter went to the jury. Judge Epler, who presided at the trial, allowed the state to prove the suicide of Dr. B. F. Gardner, jr., when he was summoned to appear before the grand jury. After the verdict Judge Epler granted a new trial to Cook because he made the error of allowing the evidence of Gardner's suicide, and hence the second trial.

The witnesses who attended the trial at Havana from Maroa are Jacob Ewing and wife, Stella Bennett, Mrs. A. D. Wysong and Dr. W. T. McLean and Dr. E. A. Morgan.

ABLE TO SIT UP.

A Letter as to the Condition of Attorney Crea in Chicago.

From the Daily of Saturday.

The only information obtainable today as to the condition of Attorney Hugh Crea, who is confined to the Augustine hospital in Chicago, is that which came in a letter written at midnight and received at the law office in Decatur this morning. Louis White wrote the letter. He says. "Mr. Crea was some better today (meaning yesterday.) He was able to sit up in bed for about half an hour. He slept seven hours today and six hours yesterday." That was all. There was no comment as to the possible outcome of the case. All are hoping for the best. Miss Lillian Crea returned from Chicago last night.

Important Surgical Operation.

Last Wednesday Dr. R. L. Walston went to Maroa and in company with Dr. Will McLean, went five miles southeast of Maroa, and operated on the 17-year-old son of John Marlatt for appendicitis. The case was more than an unusually bad one and a telephone message to Decatur today brought the satisfactory news that the young man is all right, and is now past all danger.

Mr Marlatt has lived twenty-five years on the same farm where he now resides and has troops of friends who will rejoice with him over the recovery of his son from such a dangerous ordeal.

The Prohibitionists.

From the Daily of Saturday.

The meeting of the Macon county Prohibitionists which was held in this city yesterday closed with a session held at the W. C. T. U. rooms last night. The purpose of the meeting was to arouse a new interest in the work and to raise money for the state work. Last evening Rev. O. W. Stewart of Mackinaw, made an address on the object, "The Liquor Traffic vs Political Economy." About $50 was raised for the state work, pledges being given by the Prohibitionists present at the meeting.

Died in Iowa.

Mrs. E. B. Walker died at Storm Lake, Iowa, on Thursday. The body was brought to Macon, the former home of the deceased, where the funeral took place from the Methodist church.

Married—By Justice Shorb Saturday afternoon George Bowde of Alton, Ill., and Katie Baker of Jacksonville. The groom was a white man while the bride was a mulatto.

Fireman Hinkle, of the C. P. & St. L., who was scalded in a wreck at Pekin, has submitted to amputation of a leg and will now speedily recover.

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GREAT CUBAN CRISIS.

Consul General Lee Tires of Spanish Insults to the United States.

WANTS AUTHORITY TO MAKE DEMANDS.

Report That Unless the Administration Authorizes Him to Demand the Release of Imprisoned Americans, a Consulate Will Be Vacant. Tired of Our Imbecile Policy.

Key West, Fla, Feb. 23.—According to all accounts General Lee and the Spaniards had a lively time at Havana Saturday. It all grew out of the continued ill-usage of American prisoners by the Spanish officials, and their persistent disregard of General Lee and his remonstrances. It was brought to a head by the death of Dr Ruiz. This American citizen was arrested and committed to a dungeon not long ago charged with the usual fictitious crime of "conspiracy," or something akin to it. General Lee saw Dr. Ruiz at once, and was convinced of his innocence. His remonstrances to the Spanish officials met with no replies, and Ruiz was still held in prison without any signs of the civil trial to which he was entitled.

Last week General Lee was greatly surprised to be informed that Ruiz had committed suicide, and he investigated. But he was not allowed to see the body, nor were any friends of the dead American permitted to attend the funeral. This General Lee thought strange. Later, secret intelligence *regarding the matter came to him, and* he asked that the body be exhumed and an autopsy performed. This request the Spaniards refused.

General Lee referred the case to Secretary Olney with his suggestions and what he had learned. It is reported that Secretary Olney told him that he was right, and to go ahead. This he did, with a persistence that won him the day. Finally, much against their will, the Spanish officials allowed the body to be taken up; the remains were taken to Guanabacoa Saturday, and it is understood that the post-mortem was performed in the office of Major Frondevella, Weyler's "assistant butcher," as he is called by the Cubans. General Lee and several others connected with the consulate were present and a dozen Spanish officers. An American physician was in attendance, but he was not permitted to do any of the work. The post mortem did not show or prove any murder, but it did not prove that Dr Ruiz had committed suicide, in fact, all the suppositions were against it. But the Spanish officers hurried it through, and thought that Lee would be satisfied.

It is stated that the conversation between Lee and the Spanish officers was not at all times up to the "polite" limit, as General Lee was *greatly* vexed over their indifference. He told them what he thought of the matter, and they parted not on the best of terms. On his return it is reported that Lee's long suffering and forbearance broke loose, and he determined to make a stand at once that would settle the question of American rights in Cuba. It is said that he cabled Olney and Cleveland that there were scores of Americans imprisoned in Spanish dungeons for little or no cause, that it was impossible to get a fair trial for them, and that it was time to do something to aid them and secure fair treatment for his fellow citizens. He requested the administration to stand behind him, and he would make a demand upon the Spanish officials for the instant release or the promise of a speedy civil trial for all Americans now in Spanish jails. It is added that he stated in plain language to them both that if this was not done he would resign at once. War ships would be needed to bring this about, and General Lee mentioned this as something that should be ordered immediately.

General Lee's friends say that he has waited until his patience has given out entirely. He has seen Americans scorned and insulted, and all his remonstrances have been *treated* with scant respect, and he is not the man to stand it. If the administration will not back him up, then, according to these reports, Lee will get out at once, *leaving the onus of this affair* upon Cleveland.

WILL ENDURE IGNOMINY NO MORE

Consul General Lee Will Resign Unless the Administration Acts Promptly.

New York, Feb. 23.—The Herald's Havana special says General Lee has asked that he be instructed to demand the release of all American citizens held in Cuba under circumstances alleged to be similar to those which characterized the Ruiz case. These instructions will have to be forthcoming or a new consul general sent to Havana. General Fitzhugh Lee is a descendant of two signers of the Declaration of Independence, and cannot and will not speak with authority, or allow his name to be associated with the policy of ignominy and surrender practised at Washington.

WILL REVEL IN IGNOMINY

Instead of Acting Manfully the Administration Proposes to Investigate First.

New York, Feb. 23.—The Herald's Washington special today says the administration is determined to have a full investigation of all circumstances surrounding the case of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, the American dentist, recently found dead in prison at Guanabacoa, Cuba. Secretary Olney has sent a cable to Minister Taylor of Madrid, informing him that Dr. Ruiz died under suspicious circumstances, and directing him to inform Spanish government that the United States desired an inquiry into the affair, in the meantime Consul General Lee is prosecuting his inquiry and as soon as his reply is handed in will be considered with the view to a definite policy of the administration in the matter.

EXCITEMENT IN WASHINGTON.

Public Men Hang Their Heads in Shame Over the Puerile Cleveland Policy.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Ruiz incident considerably agitated public men here and it is expected a resolution will be introduced in both houses of congress calling upon the state department for all facts in the case. The present administration can scarcely do more during the short time it has to live than to get an investigation well under way. But appreciating how sensitive the American public is on the question of outrage upon our citizens it will be the purpose of Olney to see an absolutely fair and impartial report made by our representative in Cuba. While the Ruiz affair might ultimately form the basis for a possible rupture between the United States and Spain it is not likely to come during the present administration. If the administration desires to depart from diplomatic means for securing better treatment of Americans the present administration will leave at its disposal a fine fleet of war vessels near Havana to back up any demand that may be made. It is denied at the White House that any request came from Consul General Lee for warships or that there is any intention of sending war vessels to Havana.

FILIBUSTERERS GOT AWAY.

Expedition Carrying Arms, Ammunition and Dynamite Leaves the New Jersey Coast.

New York, Feb 23.—The World says General Carlos Roloff, with fifty men, thirty five of whom are Americans, and a big supply of arms, ammunition is said in Cuban circles, to have sailed from a point on the New Jersey coast not far from Long Branch for Cuba. Seven tons of dynamite is part of the cargo, also two thousand rifles and five hundred thousand cartridges. The party of thirty-five American members of the expedition were selected from thousands of applications from all parts of the country. Most of them have served in militia companies. The above report is confirmed at the Cuban junta headquarters.

Havana, Feb 23.—General Fitzhugh Lee, consul general, says it is not true that he asked the United States to send warships here as the outcome of the reported murder of Dr. Recardo Ruiz, the American citizen in Guanabacoa prison.

Illinois Legislature.

Springfield, Ill., Feb 23.—In the senate business was of a routine nature. Among the bills introduced was one by Dwyer creating a board of assessors composed of three members, chosen by electors of the county, one for a term of three years, one for two years and one for six. Their duty is to assess all property in the country which shall be divided into seven assessment districts. Adjourned.

In the house Miller's bill for consolidation of the supreme court at Springfield came up as a special order on second reading. A motion was made for consolidation a Ottawa instead of Springfield occasioned long debate. The amendment to the amendment substituting Chicago for Ottawa was laid on the table.

The amendment subsituting the name of Ottawa for Springfield was adopted by a vote of 66 to 63.

Death Due to a Horse's Bite.

Jacksonville, Ill, Feb 24.—Last November while Mrs. Margaret Watson was passing along the street a horse tied near the court house bit her on the muscle of one of her arms and threw her down with such force on the stone sidewalk as to fracture her skull, and an examination with X rays gave evidence of clots of blood on the brain. She was taken to her bed about two weeks ago and has been a great sufferer until her death this afternoon, at the age of 53 years.

Albany, (N. Y.) Bank Closed.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 24.—The German American bank at Tonawanda was closed today by order of the superintendent of banks.

REV. PETER WALLACE IS DEAD.

Friend of Lincoln, Lovejoy, and Douglass Expires at His Home, No. 4100 Lake Avenue—Funeral Tuesday.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—The Rev. Peter Wallace, D D, early associate of Lincoln in the famous Springfield Lyceum company prominently known in Methodist, Grand *Army* and *Masonic circles,* died at *his* home, No 4100 Lake avenue, at 7 o'clock last night, aged 84 years. When the end came the venerable clergyman was *surrounded by members* of *his family.* He had been unconscious for two days.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday at 11 a m., at St James' M. E. church. The Rev. Robert McIntyre will preach the sermon, and the interment will be at Graceland.

The venerable clergyman left a widow and three children.

The Rev Peter Wallace, D. D, has for forty years been a prominent figure among the clergy of Illinois, and an enthusiastic pioneer in the building up of the civilization of the west. He was the friend of Lovejoy, Lincoln, Douglas and Yates, and was one of the members of the old Springfield Lyceum bureau, so famous for its memories of ante-bellum days. He was one of the founders of the Republican party, and has voted for every Whig and Republican candidate from William Henry Harrison down to William McKinley. Mr. Wallace was born in Mason county, Kentucky, in 1813. While he was an infant his parents moved to Brown county, Ohio, where they settled on a farm. The boy developed a love of books, and spent all his spare time in the reading of wholesome literature and the study of science. He went to Springfield at the age of 20, and started in business as a carpenter. His conversion occurred in 1835, since which time he has been a constant worker in the Methodist church, and has converted thousands through his earnest eloquence. Mr Wallace was admitted into the Illinois conference on trial, and soon passed through nearly all of the circuit charges in the state.

On the outbreak of the war the preacher raised a company in Sangamon county which became part of the Seventy-third regiment and was known as the "preachers'" regiment, all of the officers of which, from himself down, were ministers. *Dr Wallace* was in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Nashville, and numerous other small engagements. On account of impaired health he resigned from the army in 1864.

Dr Wallace's fervid patriotism throughout his life was combined with an absolute trust in the providence of God to the nation. On *Lincoln's* birthday, a week ago, he had read to him the martyred president's words at Gettysburg and from the enthusiasm engendered by its reading *he subsided into unconsciousness.*

CLEAR FIELD FOR MARK HANNA.

Bushnell Will Not be a Senatorial Candidate Before the Legislature.

Springfield, Ohio, Feb. 24.—The Daily Gazette of this city, Governor Bushnell's personal organ, which on Saturday evening came out with a triple leaded editorial foreshadowing Hanna's appointment to the senate, comes out in another editorial on the matter, which shows that the governor has for the time being thrown away political ambition so far as the United States senate is concerned. The editorial in part is as follows:

"Mr Hanna directed one of the most remarkable and important presidential campaigns ever waged, resulting in the election of William McKinley on a *platform making definite* pledges on vital issues. The victory was among the most complete and signal ever won in the political arena, so that, viewed in the light *of recognition of services rendered,* the appointment is well bestowed.

"Governor Bushnell has said in response to interviewers that he had delayed this announcement until he could thoroughly satisfy himself as to the wishes of the mass of Republicans of Ohio, which he has done, and now gives out the information because of the general interest taken in the matter throughout the country, believing it will promote harmony in the party in this state, which it most certainly will."

Then comes this announcement in the same article:

"Governor Bushnell will stand for reelection this year, and will not be a candidate for United States senator, full term, next year."

This leaves Mr. Hanna in full possession of the field.

Suicide at Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, Ill, Feb 24.—Yesterday the body of James M Landreth was found hanging from a door at his residence, on South Main street. Mr Landreth has been an invalid for years, has suffered intensely, and was so weak he could hardly move without assistance. By the aid of a cane he managed to get down stairs, stood on a chair while he made a noose which he fastened to the hinge on the top of the door and gently pushed the chair out from under him. He was 67 years of age, enlisted in the 3d Missouri cavalry during the civil war and was a prominent member of the G. A. R. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Died of Hiccoughs.

Aurora, Ill, Feb 24.—Lucius M. Hoyt, aged 24, son of L. P. Hoyt, a wealthy citizen of Aurora senior member of the large manufacturing firm of Hoyt & Brother company, died last night, after a week or more of terrible suffering. About a week ago he was seized with a violent case of hiccoughs which the doctors were unable to alleviate.

A. P. A. Convention Adjourns.

Bloomington, Feb 24.—The state A. P. A. convention finished its session today. The next convention will be in Chicago next September. Resolutions were adopted commending Congressman Linton of Michigan, to McKinley's consideration for appointment.

McKinley Getting Better.

Canton, Feb. 24.—Dr. Phillips said this afternoon that McKinley was gradually recovering his usual strength.

THE RUIZ CASE.

Gen. Lee Does Not Relax His Diligence in Probing the Matter to the Bottom.

IMPUDENCE OF HAVANA PAPERS.

The Case Evidently Selected to Precipitate a Crisis—Cubans Attack Artemisa and Capture Two Spanish Forts.

Jacksonville, Fla, Feb 23.—(By mail from Havana.)—While it is an open secret here as to the cause of Ruiz's death, yet the Havana papers dare not say a word. The residents know that there is a spy in every bush and every incautious word that they may utter will be heard and recorded against them. People have been arrested time and time again for incautious and perhaps joking remarks made in the presence of the spies in the parks during the musical programs. The people here know and realize the gravity of the Lee episode.

That Dr. *Ruiz* was murdered is the belief of four fifths of the Cubans here and many of the Spanish. They recall how many similar cases have happened, and all know how easy it is for a prisoner deprived of every comfort and every weapon to commit "suicide." General Lee believes that Ruiz was assassinated. Yesterday he denied that he *had called* for war ships.

The Spanish papers are quiet today on the subject, but La Lucha let a little of its venom creep out in an apparently innocent allusion to the many disasters attending the American fleet, and remarked that the death of "a poor American dentist made lots of trouble." The situation has changed much, it is stated on good authority. Lee adheres to his demand that all American citizens now confined in Spanish dungeons on political charges must be released or else given a civil trial. This issue he proposes to fight squarely, and if the administration fails him, then he comes back home.

It is known that the consul general received over 1000 words in cipher yesterday and today from Washington, and it is concluded that the president and secretary feel the emergency of the case.

Lee is also working hard in the case of Charles Scott, an Ohio man, arrested in Regla several days ago and confined in a dungeon. Lee has demanded with much firmness that Scott be removed at once to another cell, and that he or any other American who desires be permitted to see Scott.

This demand has greatly vexed the Marquis of Ahumada, and he has had wire communication with Weyler several times Sunday and yesterday, and it is supposed that the status of affairs is being discussed by them. That the Spaniards are angry over Lee's interference, as they call it, goes without saying.

The American colony is watching matters closely, and all have given Lee the most enthusiastic praise for his steadfast determination to have Americans protected in Cuba.

Cuban Attack Upon Artemisa

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb 23.—News was received late last night of an attack made on Artemisa by portions of General Rivera's forces, in which the Spanish forces occupying two of the forts were forced to retreat and the forts were blown up and destroyed. The Cubans advanced near nightfall, their advance being discovered just as they reached the outer intrenchments. The Spaniards poured in a hot fire, but the Cubans relied on their machetes, and fiercely dashed in yelling, "Cuba libre, remember Maceo."

The fierceness of the *charge* broke the Spanish ranks, and they fled into the second fort, a triangular earthworks, closely followed by the victorious Cubans. Here a sanguinary fight took place, the soldiers struggling together in a hand-to-hand combat for some time. The Spaniards finally retreated in good order to a third fortification, *whose strength* was such that the Cubans did not dare attack. After looting the Spanish camps in the forts and many of the stores and two Spanish storehouses in the town the Cubans retreated. It is reported that the Cubans lost 123 men wounded and killed, while the Spanish loss was over 300. The Cubans captured eighteen of the guerillas.

Spanish Ministerial Crisis Imminent.

Washington, Feb 23.—News has been received from Madrid confirming the rumors of a threatened ministerial crisis. The new Cuban reform law has proved such an undeniable failure that Premier Canovas and possibly the able Spanish minister here may lose their official heads in consequence.

The test of the reforms was to be their reception in the United States and Cuba. They have been ridiculed here, spurned in Cuba and looked upon with suspicion by the Cuban autonomists. The Spanish foreign official feels that his dignity has been compromised, and blames De Lome. The Spanish people blame Canovas.

Spain, it is said in diplomatic circles, is bleeding herself to death. The foreign ministers in Madrid are endeavoring to induce her to end the disastrous struggle either by allowing to Cuba practical self-government demanded by General Gomez or to drop the matter finally by letting Cuba win her freedom. They fear that the war may involve their governments in trouble with the New World, and they have enough on their hands with Turkey.

Canovas is blamed for not recalling Weyler, and it is expected when the Cortes meets in April Sagasta will overturn the Canovas ministry and take command. He is committed to Weyler's recall and the offer of more liberal terms to the Cubans, and De Lome's recall is expected as a consequence.

SPANIARDS FORTIFYING HAVANA.

Evident Preparations for Possible Trouble with Uncle Sam—Ruiz's Death.

Havana, Cuba, Feb 24.—The Spanish officials think it is time to be preparing for any unpleasantness with Uncle Sam, judging from the many changes that are being made here in the forts along the sea walls. Preparations are being made to mount six guns along the sea wall, and three earth forts have been started off the main entrance of the harbor. Several boats with large crews have been seen on the harbor and at its mouth yesterday, and it is supposed that they are attempting to plant torpedoes there now. All the *garrisons* of the forts have been re-enforced. Cabanas and Moro Castle received over 500 men each. Provisions and ammunition have been crowded into the *two forts,* and *preparations* made sufficient to stand a siege.

The officials at the palace are unusually reticent, and have but scant words for any newspaper men. When asked yesterday what these increased preparations meant the officials laughed and said that it was but the annual changes. Observers outside, however, see that many other changes are being made. It is understood that several battalions now in Pinar del Rio have been ordered to Havana.

Francis Scott, the American recently arrested in Regla, and who has been confined intercommunicado ever since, despite General Lee's protest, has been released. Lee saw him yesterday and the interview was a long one.

Lee is still working in the matter of the death of Ruiz, and it is thought that the murder part has been pretty thoroughly established. Americans here denounce the course of the government in not backing Lee up after all this fiasco and say that the effect will be worse than ever now, and that Spanish officials will have full encouragement to do anything to an American they please. Americans have been warned privately by the Cubans not to go into the country, as, according to reports from the Spanish army they would fare badly if caught anywhere where Lee could not be notified of their capture.

Lee still refuses to say anything regarding his stand, but it is known that his views are unchanged, and that several spirited messages have been exchanged with the Washington authorities in the matter of his demands upon the Spanish government and their absurdity when not back up by a sufficient force to make them effective.

La Lucha has some witty editorial comments on the situation, saying that "some one had bitten off more than they could chew," or as near that as in Spanish they could get. Many other hints were made at "the ruffianly and boisterous conduct of certain nations, who lacked strength to carry out threats." The Americans here feel the degradation keenly.

General Lee has written a statement, saying that he has not resigned.

President McKinley's Car.

President elect McKinley will go from Canton to Washington in a remarkable car. It is a private car without a name, save that it is known all over the Pan-Handle system as "No 88." The walls of it are of white oak, planked solid instead of the usual studding. If it should roll down an embankment the sides would not break, and it would resist almost any kind of a shock in a collision. The top is a double frame work of steel, and the ceiling is thoroughly cushioned. The floor is four thicknesses of heavy white oak. The entire car is a huge indestructible box. The chief luxury of the interior is the perfect arrangement of everything pertaining to human comfort. It has an old-fashioned fireplace and two palatial bed room apartments with brass bed steads in each chamber. There is a magnificent silver service and a large china set.

No such high class and fashionable bred horses were ever before offered at public sale in central Illinois as are to be sold on Monday, March 1, 1897, commencing at 1 o'clock, at the Montgomery Stock Farm. (No lunch served.) w1 d3t

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

The House Refuses to Agree to a Recess to Attend the Inauguration at Washington—Other Action.

Springfield, Feb 24.—The house by a vote of 100 to 19 refused today to concur in the concurrent resolution adopted by the senate for adjournment Feb 26, to March 9, to enable members to attend the McKinley inauguration and so the project was defeated.

The senate bill appropriating $31,000 *for furnishing the* memorial hall in the public library building in Chicago was passed. A resolution was introduced by Granger for the subcommittee of the committee on appropriation to visit the state institutions with the view of reducing the appropriations. The resolution was referred. Harding introduced a bill providing that a record of the sales of intoxicating liquors outside of the incorporated limits of any city, to whom sold, the kind, the price and the date of sale be kept. Adjourned.

Eldridge introduced a bill to prevent the sale of unwholesome ice, Compton, a bill for the semi annual collection of taxes. It provides for the taxation of all mortgages, the exception being mortgaged property except the part uncovered by mortgage. Brown, a bill to repeal the parole law passed at the last session, Brignadelo, a bill exempting persons performing manual labor from the operations of the civil service law. Ely, a bill for the exemption of newspaper reporters from being compelled to disclose the source of any news obtained by them.

Needles' emergency bill authorizing the governor to borrow a quarter of a million dollars failed to pass with the emergency clause. The vote was 69 to 47, not necessary two thirds.

Miller's bill for a branch appellate court passed.

Illinois Fugitive in Ceylon.

Aurora, Ill., Feb. 24.—Mayor Scott of Aurora, yesterday received from the United States consul at Colombo, island of Ceylon, an affidavit signed by L M Cotterell, a young man who formerly resided here, alleging that he and two other young men, now living in this vicinity, are responsible for the murder of Edward Ott, near Wheaton, Ill, in 1894. In addition to murdering Ott, Cotterel claims to have committed crimes in Kane and Kendall counties. Mayor Scott notified the Du Page county authorities, who came to Aurora, and were given the affidavit and other papers. The sheriff of Du Page county will prepare a list of questions to be forwarded to Colombo. If the self confessed murderer's answers warrant, he will be brought back to Wheaton. On Dec 11, 1894, two hired men terrified Mrs Louis Ott into giving them $65. After they had gone the woman went to the barn and found the body of her son, Edward. His throat had been cut and his skull beaten in. Du Page county has spent several thousand dollars in endeavoring to discover the murderers. Cotterell is evidently crazy. Two weeks ago Rev. P. A. McLaughlin received a letter from him that indicates insanity. *It contained* several sheets for several persons in Aurora and one in New Orleans. All the communications were rambling, and reeked with profanity and *obscenity.* Cotterell left Aurora two years ago. He comes of a good family, and his parents live near this city.

Mrs. Caroline Dana Dawes.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Feb 24.—Mrs Caroline Dana Dawes, aged 84, mother of ex-Governor W. J. Dawes of Nebraska, and a relatives of Charles G Dawes of Evanston, Ill, *slated for comptroller of the currency* under McKinley, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs Charlotte McCue. The remains will be interred at Kilbourne, Mich., the *former home* of the deceased.

Cretans Struggling for Liberty.

Constantinople, Feb 24.—Turkey has informed the ambassadors that two companies of Turkish troops were cut up by insurgents at Boukois, Crete. Only one officer and sixty men escape.

Next Sabbath Rev A. M Danely will preach at Elwin at 10 30 a. m and at Mt. Zion at 3 p. m.

AFTER THE FLOOD.

Report of Serious Damages in the Vicinity of Pittsburg and Other Points.

HIGHEST WATER ON RECORD.

Catholic Bishop Consecrated — Mrs. Beecher Weaker—$75,000 Fire in St. Louis—Terrific Dynamite Explosion in Scotland.

Pittsburg, Feb. 24.—The great flood has done its worst in this section and the waters are receding. Reports from all points between Pittsburg and the headwaters indicate that all danger is passed. The river here is higher than at any time since 1884. There is hardly a point in the Monongahela valley which has escaped damage and in many places the high water mark has been covered. The damage is not less than a million and a half dollars in that valley. Millions of dollars' worth of machinery have been submerged. The poor who lived in small houses all along the river banks were made homeless. Truck gardeners on the bottom lands with vegetables in hot beds ready for market are ruined. The damage in McKeesport will exceed half a million. Three thousand people were driven into the second stories of the houses in Allegheny City by the flood. Steamboats are moored only a few feet from the entrance of the Hotel Boyer in this city. A great number of manufactories are closed down and the workmen have been thrown out of employment.

City Hall Under Water

Portsmouth, Ohio, Feb 24.—The city hall is under water. A thousand families have been compelled to move. Some houses have floated away.

Family Drowned.

Ashland, Ky, Feb 24.—James Morgan, wife and child are reported drowned in the overflow of Beaver Creek in Floyd county.

Rev Thomas Lenihan Consecrated

Dubuque, Iowa, Feb 24.—Rev Thomas Lenihan of Fort Dodge, was consecrated bishop of Cheyenne in St Raphael's Cathedral by Archbishop Hennessy today, assisted by many noted Catholic prelates and over 100 priests.

Mrs. Beecher Nearing the End.

Stamford, Conn, Feb 24.—Mrs Henry Ward Beecher showed no signs of improvement this morning. She is exceedingly weak.

Skeletons Unearthed.

Riverton, N. J., Feb 24.—Workmen digging a trench near the Delaware river front this morning unearthed five human skeletons. One appeared to be of comparatively recent burial.

Terrific Dynamite Explosion

Paisley, Scotland, Feb 24.—A nitro glycerine explosion at Nobel's dynamite works, Ayrshire, today killed six persons and wounded several. The explosion was heard fifteen miles away.

FIRE IN ST. LOUIS

Merchants' Exchange Building Damaged, $75,000

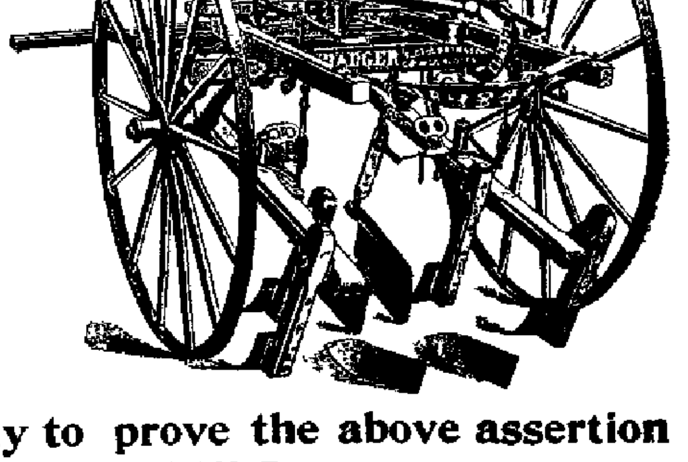
St. Louis, Feb. 24.—Early this morning the Merchants' Exchange building was damaged $75,000 by fire.

Emergency Rate Suggested for Soft Corn.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb 24.—C. L. Davids, chairman of the Iowa railway commission, has written presidents and traffic managers of Iowa lines requesting an emergency rate on the corn shipments during March because the corn which is soft must be shipped before warm weather.

Bishop Quigley Consecrated.

Buffalo, N Y, Feb 24.—Rev. E J. Quigley, rector of St Bridgets, was consecrated bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Buffalo. Archbishop Corrigan was consecrator. He was assisted by Bishops McQuaid of Rochester and McDonald of Brooklyn.



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